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Gov't seeks Jabali extradition

By BAT SHEVA TSUR

The government yesterday formally requested that the Palestinian Authority extradite Palestinian Police chief Col. Ghazi Jabali and four Hamas terrorists.

The Prime Minister's Office said in a statement that Israel suspects Jabali of "organizing terrorist cells within the Palestinian Police and issuing instructions to Palestinian policemen to carry out terror attacks against Israelis."

Three terrorists from Tzrif village who are responsible for a series of murders, including the Apropo cafe suicide bombing in Tel Aviv and the

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kidnap-murder of soldier Sharon Edry near Beit Shemesh, are walking around free in Palestinian-controlled areas instead of sitting in jail, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said yesterday.

Hanegbi yesterday signed extradition orders for the three - Abdel Rahman Raminat, Ibrahim Raminat, and Jammal Abdel Fatah - as well as for Amjad Hinawi, who murdered 16-year-old David Boim at a Beit El bus stop in May 1996.

The Tzrif cell members were also responsible for shooting to death a number of Israelis last year: Yaron and Efrat Unger, near Moshav Gefen; Maj. Oz Tivon and Sgt. Yaniv Shirel near Karmel Tzur; and three members of the Monk family near Moshav Tirosh. The gang also committed other terror attacks in which people were injured.

The extradition requests were handed over to the PA after a court issued remand orders at the request of the attorney-general, as stipulated in the interim agreement with the Palestinians. The Palestinians have so far ignored 36 extradition requests, Hanegbi said.

"We have the feeling the Palestinians are refusing to carry out one of the most important clauses, if not the most important from the security point of view, in the agreement between us," Hanegbi said in an Israel Radio interview. "We cannot under any circumstances accept the fact that they have disregarded the 36 extradition requests sent to them."

He said that many terrorists hold key positions in the PA.

"We saw how Ghazi Jabali, whose job it is to protect us against terrorists, was himself involved in planning terrorist attacks," Hanegbi said. "In my eyes, the basis for the Oslo agreement was that, concurrently with the redeployment of IDF troops and the subsequent placing in Palestinian hands of the responsibility for our welfare, there was to have been action by the Palestinians to protect us. Not only was that not done, but the Palestinians actually extended refuge to those very terrorists who are working against us. This is untenable."

He stressed that "the agreement in this respect is one-sided. We left Hebron and did not expect them to leave. They have to keep their part of the agreement."

Other Tzrif cell members are: Issmail Raminat, 27 and Jamal Jabril Alhour, 27. Another member, Moussa Raminat, blew himself up in the Apropo cafe. Israel holds cell members Ra'ad Abu Hamadiya, 21, and Ayman Kafisha, 27.

Of the previous 36 terror suspects whose extradition is sought by Israel, 12 are either serving in the Palestinian Police or are in the process of joining its ranks.

No comment was immediately available from the Palestinian Authority.

Islamic group claims Amman attack

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and news agencies

An unknown Islamic group claimed responsibility for the shooting yesterday of two Israeli Embassy security guards in a quiet residential street in Amman and warned of more attacks to come against Israelis in Jordan.

The two embassy staff members, Amikam Hadar and Moshe Levine, were lightly wounded in the attack and were hospitalized in Amman.

Hadar underwent surgery to remove bullets from his hip and Levine had surgery to extract a bullet from his leg.

A group calling itself the "Islamic Resistance in Jordan" said in a statement sent to news agencies in Beirut that the attack was a "reaction to what the Zionist enemy has done against our people in Jordan, Palestine, and Lebanon."

Jordanian Interior Minister Nazir Rasheed dismissed the claim, saying such a group does not exist. He said initial evidence showed the attack was an isolated event.

"There is no organization [behind this]. This is definitely an individual act," he told Reuters. "I am confident they will be arrested within a short period."

In Gaza, officials of Hamas - whose full name is the Islamic Resistance Movement - denied Hamas involvement.

"I can verify this attack was not carried out by our movement," said Abdul-Aziz Rantisi, who was photographed embracing Yasser Arafat at a reconciliation conference shortly before July's suicide attack in Jerusalem, which was never officially claimed by Hamas. In Amman, where Hamas leaders have called for increasing attacks on Israel, there was no response to yesterday's attack.

According to Jordanian Minister of Information Samir Matna, the two guards were patrolling in the Alduar Elsuds neighborhood several kilometers from the Israeli Embassy building, outside the home of one of the embassy's attaches.

The message taking responsibility demanded that all Israeli tourists and Israeli Embassy staff leave Jordan within a month, otherwise the group would continue its attacks against them. The group also demanded the release of Jordanian soldier Ahmad Daqansa, who is serving a life sentence for killing seven Israeli schoolgirls in Naharayim in March.

According to reports, at 7:30 yesterday morning, as Hadar and Levine patrolled the road where several Israeli diplomats live, a car drove up alongside them and passengers fired at them. The guards reportedly fired back at the fleeing car, shattering its rear window and possibly wounding one of them. Reports on the number of gunmen involved varied between two and four.

Hadar and Levine were taken to different hospitals in Amman, the King Hussein Medical Center and the Arab Center for Heart Surgery. They are expected to be transferred to Israel today.

In Israel, deputy Foreign Ministry spokesman Haim Koren said that three gunmen armed with Kalashnikov rifles shot at the guards.

King Hussein condemned the attack and visited Levine and Hadar in the hospital, giving them gift watches. Hussein also signed his autograph on a photo of Hadar's infant child. The king assured the guards that everything possible was being done to capture the perpetrators.

Hussein telephoned Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in Austria to express his regrets and



Jordan's King Hussein visits wounded security guard Amikam Hadar yesterday at an Amman hospital.

(AP)

updated him on the hunt for the attackers. Netanyahu said yesterday he is confident the terrorists would be captured within days and stressed the strong ties and cooperation between Israel and Jordan.

During the day the director-general of Hussein's bureau, Ali Shukri, Interior Minister Nader Shabayda, and the private secretary of Crown Prince Hussein, Samir

Rifai, also visited the two wounded men and expressed their regret and outrage at the attack.

Ambassador to Jordan Oded Eran praised the Jordanian police and medical staff, who he said were cooperating fully and assisting in every possible way. Asked if the attack would affect Israeli tourism to Jordan, Eran stressed that the incident should be treated

as an isolated case.

"Jordan is an interesting country with many interesting sites aside from Petra and Amman. I prefer to treat the incident as an isolated one," he said. "We are in a friendly country with a friendly leadership," Eran told Israel Radio.

Meanwhile, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai sent his wishes for a speedy recovery to Levine

and Hadar and told reporters he is sure the Jordanian authorities will do everything possible to capture the attackers.

"A terrorist attack in Jordan is extremely serious, but I am confident that the Jordanian security officials will work intensively against terror," he said.

Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

Clinton to Senate: Ratify nuclear test-ban treaty

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - One year after he signed a treaty to ban nuclear test explosions, US President Bill Clinton told the UN yesterday that he will ask the Senate to ratify the pact, which he called "the longest sought, hardest fought prize in arms control."

"For 50 years, the UN has helped prevent world war and nuclear holocaust," Clinton said in the opening speech to the 52nd General Assembly. "Unfortunately, conflicts between nations and within nations have endured. From 1945 until today, they have cost 20 million lives."

Foreign Minister David Levy was among the foreign officials from more than 160 nations who descended on New York for the annual opening of the General Assembly. He is scheduled to address the UN next Monday.

Levy is expected to meet later in the week with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Palestinian negotiator Abu Mazen. He also has a series of meetings with foreign ministers, including those from Colombia and Brazil, which were scheduled for yesterday evening, and with the European Union, Jordan, Germany and Argentina today.

Germany, which is expected to

become one of the new permanent members of the Security Council, has broken with the European Union in recent votes at the UN, by abstaining from resolutions that criticized Israel.

Levy is expected to raise with Argentina the unsolved bombings of the Israeli Embassy and the Jewish community building in Buenos Aires.

In his speech to the General Assembly, Clinton made only one oblique reference to Israel, in a list of conflicts around the globe.

"People the world over cheered the hopeful developments in Northern Ireland, grieve over the innocent loss of life and the stalling of the peace process in the Middle East, and long for a resolution of the differences on the Korean Peninsula, or between Greece and Turkey, or between the great nations of India and Pakistan as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of their birth," he said.

However, on a theme that resonates with Jerusalem, Clinton said: "We are all vulnerable to the reckless acts of rogue states and to an unholy axis of terrorists, drug traffickers and international criminals."

He called on all nations to join the major international anti-terrorism conventions, "making clear the emerging international consensus

that terrorism is always a crime and never a justifiable political act."

The president also decried the spread of global criminal syndicates, saying it was urgent that states eliminate weapons of mass destruction. With that, he announced that, a year after he had signed it, he was asking the Senate to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, which would ban nuclear explosions forever. The pact does not come into force until it is signed by 44 states with a nuclear potential.

The treaty is "our commitment to end all nuclear tests for all time, the longest sought, hardest fought prize in the history of arms control," Clinton said. "It will help to prevent the nuclear powers from developing more advanced and more dangerous weapons. It will limit the possibilities for other states to acquire such devices."

Also, because the UN has been unsuccessful in its war-crimes tribunals in Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, Clinton called for an international court to prosecute crimes against humanity.

Clinton also vowed that the US would pay nearly \$1 billion in overdue fees to the UN, whose major agenda item this year is reform and bookkeeping.



Czech President Vaclav Havel (left) sits with Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert (right) and Reuma Weizman, wife of the president, on the capital's Ben-Yehuda Street pedestrian mall yesterday. (Saba Hendler)

Havel begins visit with solidarity trip to Ben-Yehuda mall

By BAT SHEVA TSUR

In an act of solidarity with the people of Jerusalem, Czech Republic President Vaclav Havel chose to begin his official visit to Israel yesterday evening at the Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall.

Havel and his wife, Dagmar, accompanied by President Ezer Weizman and his wife, Reuma, set themselves down for an after-dinner coffee and beer at the very spot where three weeks ago one of three suicide bombers brought havoc and death to the city center. They were joined by Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and a large contingent of bodyguards and journalists.

But the cool autumn night and the relatively late hour kept most of the strollers and shoppers away and Havel did not get the full fla-

vor of the normally bustling mall.

The fight against terrorism and the advancement of the peace process were clearly uppermost on Havel's mind during his first few hours here.

"The people and government of the Czech Republic are in favor of the peace process and know that the terrorists are a minority who cannot prevent peace," Havel declared three hours earlier, when Weizman welcomed him officially at Beit Hanassi. The two presidents, who got to know each other during Weizman's visit to Prague last year, greeted each other warmly, stood at attention as the IDF band played the national anthems and then inspected an honor guard.

Havel, who paid an official visit here seven years ago, was struck by the changes that had taken place in the region.

"Then I could not include a visit to the neighboring countries on my itinerary," said Havel, who crossed the Allenby Bridge from Jordan to get here yesterday. "I am glad that there was not a border but a bridge to cross now... We absolutely believe in the peace process and hope it will develop into a lasting peace." Weizman echoed his sentiments.

"We are an optimistic people," he said, citing the many wars and trials Israel has faced. "Otherwise we would not have gotten this far." Havel, who is accompanied by his finance minister, will meet with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Labor Party leader Ehud Barak, and economic officials. He will also spend time relaxing at the Dead Sea.

Panel: Mentally impaired doctors are entitled to treatment

By JUDY SIEGEL

Doctors and other medical professionals who become mentally impaired should be able to receive treatment without fear of repercussions, and do so before their own patients may be harmed, a group of researchers recommends.

According to a study by the Israel Committee for Psychiatric Examinations of Physicians, addiction to alcohol or drugs is rarely the cause of impaired functioning, but emotional disturbances are common.

This is the opposite of the situation in most Western countries.

Writing in the latest issue of *Harefuah*, the Journal of the Israel Medical Association, staff of the Health Ministry, the Jerusalem Mental Health Center, Kaplan Hospital, and the Falk Institute for Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences looked into the cases of 115 physicians called before the committee between 1989 and 1993.

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NEWS

in brief

Woman kills brother-in-law, shoots self

A woman suspected of shooting to death her brother-in-law before turning the pistol on herself lay in critical condition in Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital last night. Police said the woman, about 30, apparently shot her brother-in-law at the entrance to his home in Ramat Gan, then ran in front of her sister's building and shot herself in the head.

IDF to allow in 8,000 more Palestinian workers

The IDF Spokesman said yesterday it would allow another 8,000 Palestinian workers to enter Israel from the territories, further easing the closure imposed after the Rehov Ben-Yehuda mall bombing in Jerusalem.

"From tomorrow morning 4,000 Palestinian workers from Judea and Samaria and 4,000 from the Gaza Strip will be allowed to enter," the spokesman said, adding that this brings to 13,000 the total number of Palestinians now allowed to enter Israel to work.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Old City stabbing victim in serious condition

Emanuel Ne'eman, 59, who was stabbed Sunday night near Damascus Gate in Jerusalem's Old City, was in serious but stable condition at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, after surgery for stab wounds to the head, shoulder, and chest.

Ne'eman was walking to the Western Wall when two men demanded his wallet. When he resisted they stabbed him and ran away. Ne'eman staggered to the Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva, where two student medics gave him first aid. Police said the incident appears to have been a robbery attempt, but are waiting to question Ne'eman.

Elli Wohlgelemer

Ben-Ari remanded to end of legal proceedings

Zvi Ben-Ari (Gregory Lerner) will remain in custody until the end of the legal proceedings against him, Supreme Court Justice Theodor Or ruled yesterday. Or accepted an appeal by the State Attorney's Office against a lower court ruling that released Ben-Ari to house arrest, albeit at very high bail and with numerous restrictions. Prosecutors argued that Ben-Ari had to remain behind bars because he was likely to flee the country if released. He has been in custody for more than four months.

Batsheva Tsur

Court rejects most of Yigal Amir's requests

The Beersheba District Court yesterday rejected requests by Yitzhak Rabin's assassin, Yigal Amir, for increased telephone time, longer and more frequent family visits, a needle and thread, and an alarm clock, but agreed to let him have an English dictionary. Amir arrived in court wearing a bulletproof vest, shackled to two guards, and surrounded by a ring of policemen and border policemen.

In his appeal, Amir said he needed the needle and thread to fix his clothes, and the alarm clock to wake up in time for morning prayers. It was not clear why he needed the dictionary, although in the past Amir's family has said he plans to write a book.

AP

Knesset to hold special session

The Knesset is to hold a special session tomorrow morning despite its ongoing recess, at the request of more than 60 MKs. Issues to be debated include construction in Jerusalem, Ras al-Amud, a national unity government, and the removal and burning of mezzuzot in Kiryat Gat.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Mordechai denies plot to challenge Netanyahu

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai has denied he is seeking to set up a personal power base to challenge Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Speculation grew out of Mordechai's scheduling of a gathering at Likud headquarters next week to toast Rosh Hashana. Mordechai called the "preoccupation with a traditional New Year's toast more than ridiculous."

Sarah Honig

IDF apparently on verge of identifying Jerusalem bombers

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The identity of five Jerusalem suicide bombers may soon be revealed as security forces maintained their beef-up presence in Samaria yesterday focusing on villages possibly harboring Hamas fugitives connected with the bombings in July and this month.

The intensive operational activities under the command of OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan began on Saturday night when some 40 Palestinians suspected of being affiliated with the Hamas were arrested.

Details of yesterday's activities were subjected to heavy censor-

ship. However, it appears that security forces are on the verge of identifying bombers who blew themselves up in the Mahaneh Yehuda market July 30 and Ben-Yehuda Street on September 4.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu stressed yesterday that the suicide bombers came from the territories despite Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's claim that the terrorists came from abroad.

Arafat challenged Netanyahu to prove his assertion. "Give me the proof. He [Netanyahu] knows it is coming from the outside," Arafat told reporters in Gaza, Reuters said.

Troops continued to block the entrance to one village in the Nablus area where intensive searches took place early Sunday morning to capture Hamas fugitives believed to be linked to the bomb attacks.

Security forces reportedly operated in villages surrounding Jenin as well as villages bordering the trans-Samaria highway. A troop presence was intensified on the roads around Nablus. IDF aircraft flew over open areas between the villages searching for Palestinians attempting to flee the area.

In one village, Palestinians burned tires and threw stones at soldiers manning roadblocks.

According to reports on Channel 2 the current operation and closure of some of the villages is intended to prevent a bomb ready for use from reaching Israel.

The explosives used in the bomb attacks have been linked to a bomb factory in Beit Sahur. However security forces believe that another bomb missing from the factory was being hidden somewhere in the territories to be used in a future attack.

In addition security forces ordered the closure of the main mosque in the village of Dura for two months after inciting material was found there. The mosque's imam, Nayef Rajoub, is the brother of Palestinian Preventive Security chief Jibril

Rajoub.

Reports claim however that villagers ignored the order posted at the mosque's entrance yesterday morning and entered the mosque for prayers. In the village of Samua, south of Hebron, security forces closed a youth club claiming it was affiliated with Hamas.

Since the two Jerusalem attacks which killed 20 and wounded more than 300, security forces had arrested more than 600 Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists.

The IDF Spokesman said last night that security forces will continue to operate against terrorist organizations in the territories.



No sign of missing woman

Border policemen and volunteers examine an aerial photograph of the area in Ramat Gan where Tamar Brez (inset) is presumed to have disappeared. Police said yesterday they have no clues to the whereabouts of Brez, 33, who has been missing since Wednesday. Her abandoned car was found by police on Sunday in the Home Center parking lot. Police dismiss the possibility that Brez committed suicide, saying she did not appear to have been under any emotional stress that might have led her to take her own life.

(Text: Kim; photos: Ron Ossendyvet/Israel Sun)

US, Israeli officials meeting today in Washington

By HILIEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON — Today's meetings between top Israeli and American officials, as well as between the Palestinians and Americans on Thursday and Friday, represent the latest US effort to get the peace process moving again.

US and Israeli officials say the sessions will also help set the stage for next week's meeting in New York among Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Foreign Minister David Levy, and the Palestinian Authority's Mahmoud Abbas.

Cabinet secretary Dan Naveh and prime ministerial adviser Uzi Arad are to arrive in Washington this morning to meet with special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross before returning home later in the day. They will again convey Israel's emphasis on the fight against terrorism as a necessary condition for the resumption of the peace process, while the Americans want to hear how Israel plans to move ahead in the negotiations, assuming that the PA fulfills its security requirements, an embassy official stated.

"The emphasis on terrorism is certainly our line as well," a senior American official said yesterday.

"But as [Albright] made clear, more has to be done on the ground, that [security] is not enough to produce peace," the official said. "I would view the meetings this week as preparatory to the secretary's meetings next week."

Asked the US position on the IDF's raids in Palestinian villages near Nablus over the weekend and its arrest of suspected Hamas members, the official said the US wants to review the facts fully before commenting.

"We're still looking into it but don't know all the details," he said.

"Look, Israel is still in a struggle against terror and you have to look at it in that context. They took place in Area B," he said. But the context in which these measures are being taken is important."

Netanyahu: No Jewish neighborhood in Ras al-Amud

VIENNA (AP) — "We will not allow a Jewish neighborhood to be built in Ras al-Amud," Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said in Vienna yesterday, one of his firmest statements to date on the issue.

"We recognize the right of any person, Arab or Jew, to live anywhere but the construction of neighborhoods is a government prerogative," said

Netanyahu.

Netanyahu conceded that expanding Jewish settlements ahead of final-status talks has burdened relations with the Palestinians and contributed to the freezing of talks with them.

But he asserted that more land was settled under the previous Labor government than under his own, and said that in any case — Jews have moved into less

than one percent of contested land.

He also said that Iran had acquired ballistic missiles and warned they had the range to strike Europe.

Earlier in the day, he sought to play down Middle East tensions, saying suspended talks with the Palestinians represented only "bumps on the route" to peace.

Netanyahu's comments were moder-

ate in tone but uncompromising in attitude. "Our objective is to achieve a successful peace with our neighbors," he said. "In the historic perspective, I believe the difficulties we are experiencing now will be seen as inevitable, minor, bumps... on the route."

He cited former foreign minister Abba Eban in urging the Palestinians to show flexibility.

"As Abba Eban once put it, the Palestinians seem never to miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity," he said. "I hope this observation will be proven wrong on this occasion."

Netanyahu's itinerary yesterday included attending corner-stone laying ceremonies at the Lauder Habad School in Vienna, attended mostly by children of Russian-Jewish immigrants.

NEWSLINE

with Paul Scham

Paul Scham is an expert on Jordanian-Israeli relations at the Hebrew University's Truman Institute for Advancement of Peace.

How influential is the Islamic fundamentalist movement in Jordan?

They have 17 out of the 80 members of parliament, which is a decrease from previous election. Unlike other countries, the Islamic fundamentalists have a more comfortable relationship with the government in Jordan and have rarely, if ever, engaged in violent acts.

It is basically a political and social movement, not a military movement.

They are clearly not supported by the majority of the Jordanian population, but they are also not so far out of mainstream as in other Arab countries. There is some degree of sympathy for their anti-Israel position, which is popular in Jordan.

What does the average Jordanian think about peace with Israel?

They tend to view any normalization with suspicion. Israel has to do more to show the Arabs a real interest in peace.

Most people in Jordan recognize that Israel is

there and that Jordan has to deal with it but believe the king is more accommodating than he should be given Israel's "intransigence."

There are also a fair number of Jordanians currently interested in relations with Israeli institutions, but they have to keep a low profile at this time because of public opinion. The normalization debate is over and has lost.

How will yesterday's shooting incident affect Israeli-Jordanian relations?

Frankly, I don't think it will have a significant impact because Israelis, both ordinary people and in the government, realize that the Jordanian government is doing all it can to keep relations with Israel going on as good a plane as possible.

I think that it will have more of an impact on internal Jordanian affairs. This may mean that the Jordanian government will crack down more heavily than it has on the Moslem Brotherhood and the Islamic fundamentalists in Jordan.

Marne Rochester

No spilled milk on Rosh Hashana

By HAIM SHAPIRO

No milk will be spilled on Rosh Hashana, sources in the Chief Rabbinate said yesterday.

The sources said that one proposed solution is to turn all the milk milked during Rosh Hashana into milk powder, which would then be sold to non-Jews.

Officials in the Agriculture Ministry will meet today to discuss the proposal.

Rumors that the Rabbinate would force the dairy farmers to throw out milk arose because Rosh Hashana falls on Thursday and Friday, followed immediately by Shabbat, thus creating a three-day holiday. According to the Health Ministry, milk processed after more than 48 hours is unfit for human consumption.

Israel Radio reported yesterday that the Rabbinate had reached a decision to leave only one dairy open at Tel Yosef, which would be

operated by Druze workers. Some two million liters of milk that cannot be processed by the Tel Yosef dairy will be thrown out, the radio said.

But Chief Rabbinate spokesman Daniel Aviv said yesterday that Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael

Lau was angry about reports that milk would be thrown out. Aviv said that the rabbinate is still working on a halachic solution, including making milk powder, according to which the milk would not have to be wasted.



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In half the cases, the employer asked for the doctor to be examined, while in 18 percent it was the doctor's own psychiatrist and in 11% the doctor's patients who called the problem to the committee's attention. Courts, the police, the Israel Defense Forces, district psychiatrists, and the National Insurance Institute complained in the remainder of cases.

The authors note that for years, doctors in many countries are at a higher risk than the general popula-

tion for suicide, cirrhosis of the liver, and premature death. In the US and Britain, for example, studies have shown they are much more likely to take drugs and drink too much alcohol.

Easy access to narcotic drugs, workaholicism, and family problems caused by overwork are given as possible explanations. But among the various specialties, pediatricians have a lower rate of high-risk behaviors, while psychiatrists have high rates.

Impaired physicians in this country show a very different pattern: Only 4 percent of the doctors who were examined by the three-member

psychiatric committee were found to be addicted to drugs or alcohol. On the other hand, half suffered from mental illnesses, including manic depression or depression; some 20% went through an acute psychotic episode; while 50% also had personality or neurotic disturbances.

The medical licenses of only a quarter of them were cancelled on the spot. In a third of the cases, the committee recommended to the Health Ministry director-general that the physician should continue working without restrictions, and in half, licenses were temporarily made conditional. The remainder, about a tenth, were allowed to work

only under certain conditions, such as a prohibition on prescribing narcotic drugs or on dealing directly with patients.

The researchers noted that, in many cases, impaired physicians sought psychiatric help at a late stage of their illness, because of the stigma, fear of being dismissed, or reluctance to consult with colleagues.

They recommended that occupational mental health services be established for such impaired medical staffers.

These should insure maximum privacy and provide care by experts who are not affiliated with the doctor's workplace.

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Fuad Hadieh, the tenant of the Moskowitz house in Ras al-Amud, leaves Jerusalem City Police Headquarters at the Russian Compound yesterday after filing a complaint for illegal entry. (Shilo Hershler)

Hadieh files complaint

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Lawyers for the family claiming tenants' rights on the Jewish building in Ras al-Amud filed a complaint with police yesterday accusing Irving Moskowitz of illegally placing new tenants in the building.

Fuad Hadieh, who was abroad until this week, said he was the previous resident of the building, and that he neither sold it nor gave permission for Moskowitz to take over the property. He said the documents presented by the Jewish families were forged.

The story of the claims and counter-claims over ownership and property rights epitomizes the intricate history of the city over the last century, under four administrations.

Hadieh, who has no formal rental agreement, has lived on the property since 1988 with the oral permission of the previous tenant, Khalil Silwani.

Silwani, a Ramallah judge, has the same problem: He told *The Jerusalem Post* that he built the

building but had not paid any rent to the owner of the property, Ahmed el-Ghoul, since 1955.

"I wanted him to register the property in my name if he wanted me to continue paying him," said Silwani, who had been living there since 1951. "He refused, and showed me a registration that the land is registered in his name. I didn't know if it was a good registration, I didn't know much about the area. Later on he insisted that I pay, but I did not pay, because I wanted the registration."

Silwani said that he had allowed Hadieh to live there rent-free because Hadieh's mother was taking care of Silwani's sister. But he said that even he as the builder of the house could not sell it because he had no ownership certificate.

"I don't have any registration nor any document to prove that I am the owner of the land or the house," Silwani said, "although in fact the house was built with my money. I didn't pay for the land. Now the situation is like

this: I am the owner and I am not the owner."

The el-Ghoul family received ownership of the area from the Jordanian courts after the 1948 war. They had leased it at the beginning of the century from the Habad Kolliel and the Wohlin Kolliel, which purchased the property in 1887.

After the Six-Day War much of the land once owned by Jews became disputed property. In 1984, after a five-year court battle, an Israeli court ruled that the area in Ras al-Amud belonged to its original Jewish owners, the two yeshivot.

They, in turn, sold it to Irving Moskowitz in 1991, and that's where the competing claims stand today.

But even the Israeli court's recognition - which would support Moskowitz's rights - does not mean automatically that he has the right to evict Hadieh, according to lawyer Danny Seidman.

"Israeli law affords protection not only to people who own land,

but to people who have possession of the land," Seidman said.

In a related development, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert denied published reports that quoted him as criticizing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over his handling of the whole affair.

"The week prior to the actual coming in of this group, Bibi called me - prior to the visit of Albright - and said that he heard that there is such a plan, and he urged me to discourage them, and to stop them, which I did," said Olmert.

Olmert said Netanyahu called him for a meeting the next day, "but I didn't blame, I didn't accuse, I didn't argue, I didn't say anything."

The mayor said he hadn't anticipated any riots developing, and still doesn't. "Most of the demonstrations last week over Ras al-Amud were organized by Jews. Most of the participants were Jews from the outside, not [people] from the neighborhood itself."

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

The power of money

The influence of foreign contributors on local politics is one of the issues that the Ras al-Amud affair has put on the public agenda.

In an article entitled "There is profit for the donor," Amos Carmel, in *Yediot Aharonot*, accepts the political parties' need for contributions but warns against the implications. "Even if the donor writes a check without any preconditions... the money that reaches the party will push the pendulum in a certain direction."

He adds that although millionaires have more influence on government than the average citizen, "they are fully aware that only we, the people living in this country, will pay the price."

Uri Heitner, in *Ma'ariv*, protests against the "attacks" on Irving Moskowitz that claimed that he is a "foreigner" and should not intervene in political matters. Heitner claims that this is not a "normal" country, but the country of the Jewish people worldwide. "Jews throughout the world have fundamental rights in Israel; their opinion must be heard and taken into consideration."

Ha'aretz's Gideon Levy stresses the potential for corruption in MKs' involvement with contributors. He criticizes Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani's conduct in Ras al-Amud, claiming that he had ulterior motives, being financed by Moskowitz. "The minister supervising the police was forced to make decisions against an initiative that endangered internal security, while he had a monetary and moral commitment to the man who instigated the potential fire."

Arafat's weakness

The rumors concerning Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's deteriorating health raise the question of whether he is good or bad for the Jews.

Aviezer Golan, in *Yediot Aharonot*, asserts that the answer is "a tie. According to his record over the past few years, Arafat was undoubtedly bad for the Jews." He explains that Arafat lied, manipulated, and attempted to extort as much as possible.

However, he writes, "he was the only one who was willing to play the game with us, although it was a treacherous game."

Whether Arafat survives as a leader is less dependent upon health and more on politics," says Oren Shahor, also in *Yediot*. He adds that as Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu weakens Arafat, the Palestinian extremists are strengthened. "On the Palestinian street, Arafat is identified with the peace process; the slow death of the process is identified with Arafat's weakness."

Ya'acov Schwartz

Ya'acov Schwartz, who disappeared two weeks ago and was found bound in a deserted building 48 hours later, confessed that he had staged his abduction.

"The damage that Schwartz has done will leave its scar," states *Yediot Aharonot's* Yigal Serana, who believes that Schwartz wanted to sabotage US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit. "From now on, Arafat will refer to Schwartz as proof of his old claim that right-wing activists are involved in instigating terrorist attacks," he writes.

"The combination of blind faith and extreme nationalism also gives birth to different monsters among the Jews," states *Ma'ariv's* Yosef Lapid. He adds that to turn public opinion against the Palestinians, Schwartz took advantage of the feeling of solidarity among Israelis. He says that the district attorney should seek a court order confiscating his property, so that the state will be compensated for the NIS 1 million the search for him cost. "Only the price of the prank will deter others from similar conduct."

Qatar economic conference

"Only masochists will consider participating in the Qatar economic conference," states *Yediot Aharonot's* Dov Ganchovsky, claiming that although the conference's agenda is economic, it will become a stage for Arab attacks against Israel. "The only reason it will be held, as far as the Arabs are concerned, is to smear us."

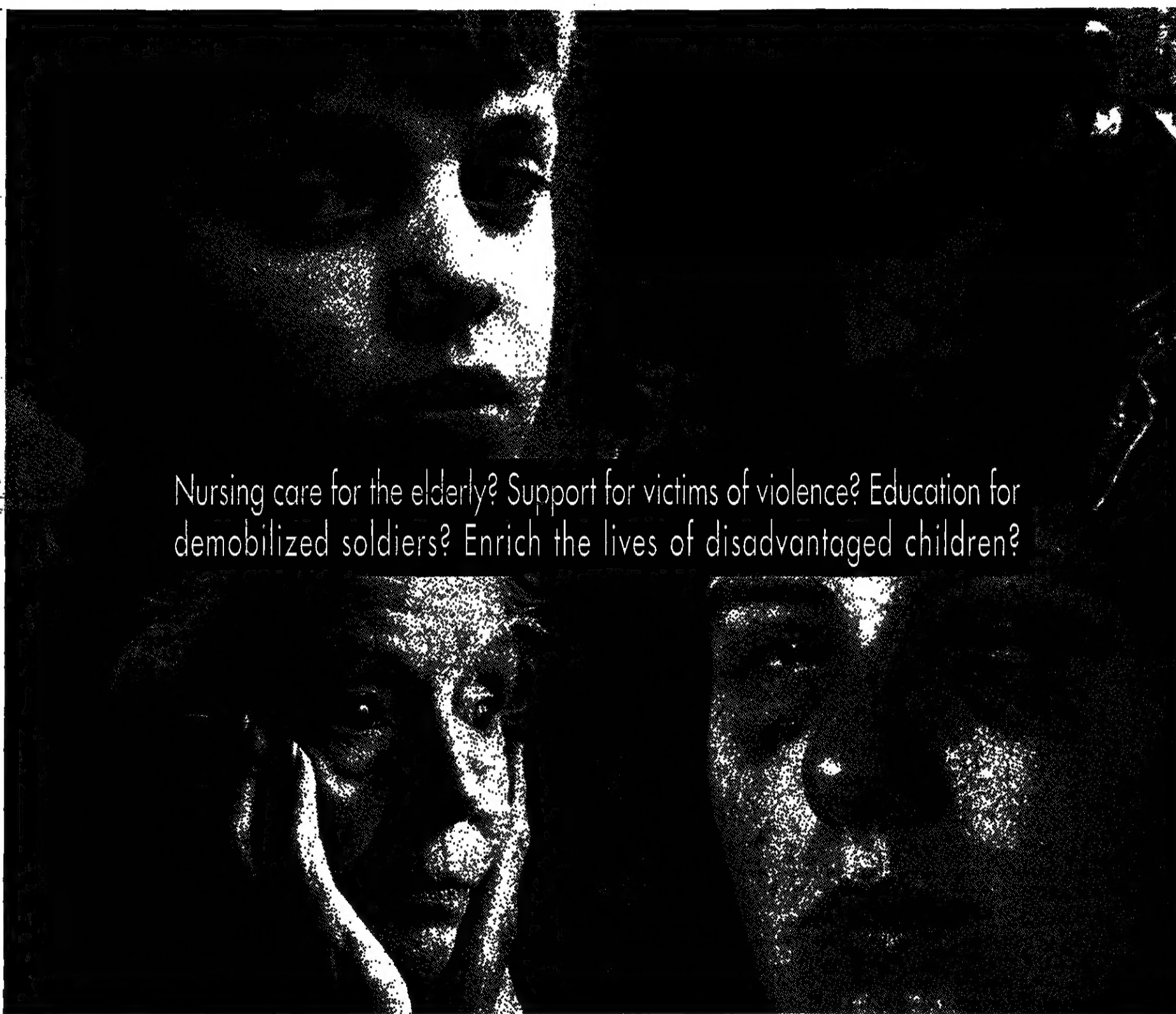
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Histadrut threatens strike on Thursday

Treasury urges renewed dialogue

By DAVID HARRIS
and news agencies

The Histadrut is threatening to declare a general strike commencing Thursday morning. It is still unclear exactly which sectors will be affected and to what degree.

However, the Histadrut is saying the industrial action taken in recent days will be seen to have been on a small scale by comparison to the disruptions that are to follow.

Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz yesterday wrote to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu informing him of the federation's decision.

The action will be taken "after all the efforts to bring to an end the dispute between the Histadrut and government, which mainly comprised the government breaking signed agreements and its attempt to violate the rights and conditions of workers in the various sectors, in particular in private industry."

As news of the impending strike broke, the Treasury issued

a statement urging renewed talks.

"The Histadrut must stop its public struggle," read the brief statement. "The Treasury once again calls on the Histadrut to return to dialogue to prevent harm to the public."

Among the issues the

Histadrut is protesting are what it sees as the damage that will be done to workers as a result of changes to pension rights, structural reforms in the economy, and the proposed 1998 NIS 2.3 billion state budget cut.

It is unfair, said the Histadrut, that government should gamble

pension money on the stock exchange, but at the same time be unprepared to wage the NIS 8b. received this year in privatization receipts.

Histadrut leaders will meet tomorrow to decide which sectors will strike. It said it is likely the first to do so will be local authorities.

Since the beginning of the month the Histadrut has staged a series of strikes, protests, and information meetings at workplaces throughout the country.

The Treasury's budget proposals spurred the Histadrut to declare a labor dispute in August.

"If the contacts are not renewed and there is no breakthrough on the outstanding issues, the economy will come to a complete standstill on Thursday," Peretz told reporters. "This means an open-ended general strike."

Netanyahu has recently launched a series of scathing attacks on the Histadrut, accusing its leadership of using the socially weak to serve its own ends.

Elective surgery postponed

By JUDY SIEGEL

Non-emergency operations in all public hospitals in the center of the country will be postponed today due to doctors' sanctions.

It will be the fifth successive day of sanctions by the Israel Medical Association, which is protesting against the Treasury's plans to shrink the basket of health services and its failure to carry out an agreement increasing doctors' slots in the hospitals.

Only emergency surgery will be performed today at Ichilov in Tel Aviv, the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson and Hasharon campuses, and the Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah Tikva, Assaf Harofeh in Tzrifin, Wolfson in Holon, Meir in Kfar Sava, Kaplan in Rehovot and Sheba at Tel Hashomer.

Yesterday, outpatient clinics in Jerusalem and southern general and psychiatric hospitals were closed. IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar said that the government appears "apathetic to the suffering of the large number of people who need the health system."

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Preventive measure

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(Text: Judy Siegel; Photo: Israel Sun)

High schoolers protest canceled school trips

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

High school pupils in the Haifa district stayed away from classes yesterday, and a general strike of class is being considered to protest cancellation of school trips.

The trips have been cancelled due to an ongoing dispute between the Secondary School Teachers Association and the Education Ministry over payment for teachers accompanying the trips.

National Student and Youth Council spokeswoman Galit Eliasi said classes in a different region will be boycotted each day this week if the dispute is not settled. She added that if the problem is not resolved, the council would consider launching a general strike.

"We appealed to the union and the Education Ministry to solve the matter," she said. "When our request was met with indifference, we decided to launch the strike."

Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled spoke to the pupils and told them that he agreed that the teachers' actions "should not come at the expense of the pupils," a spokesman for Peled said.

An emergency meeting was held in Tel Aviv yesterday by groups directly affected by the strike.

According to Orit Nevo, spokeswoman for the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, some 30,000 guiding days per child are being lost each week, based on some 10,000 children scheduled to go on trips which average about three days.

The economic blow being felt by tour organizers, bus companies, hotels, cleaning companies, and catering firms is about NIS 4 million a week, she said.

She noted that the fall is particu-

larly suited to the trips, since the weather is not too hot, and there is no flooding anywhere.

"The worst part is that we don't have any alternative time for these trips - they are being lost, and can't be made up," she said.

"We're not taking a stand on who is right in this dispute, but it seems to us that no one in the government really cares about school trips, even though this is the 50th anniversary of the state, and these visits have even more importance."

A spokeswoman for the teachers said Education Ministry Director-General Ben Zion Dell had agreed that their demand is justified, and that he is looking for funding. She said the teachers had declared a work dispute about the issue eight months ago, but nothing had been done. While the teachers understand the value of trips, unfortunately "no one in this country listens to you unless you take such action," she said.

Nevo said another impediment to the trips had also come up at the meeting: the police requirement that parents or others going along as an armed chaperone first obtain a weapons permit from the Interior Ministry, which she said is a three-week procedure most parents are unwilling to go through.

In addition, she said, the weapons permit requires that the individuals applying for it show they have undergone target practice with a carbine, but Nevo said there are few places available for this. "So you could say that if the teachers' issue wasn't stopping school trips, the carbine issue would," Nevo said.

A spokesman for Peled said he was meeting with Internal Security and Interior ministry officials to try to find a solution for this problem.

Rabbi charged with molesting teen to do community service

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES - The trial of Brooklyn Rabbi Israel Grunwald, on a charge that he groped a teenage girl, is off.

Grunwald's trial was to begin yesterday, but if he satisfactorily completes 500 hours of community service and submits to psychological counseling, the charge will be permanently dismissed after one year.

Grunwald, who leads a group of Pupa Hassidim, and his assistant, Yehuda Friedlander, were arrested on May 31, 1995, as they stepped off their plane at Los Angeles International Airport, following an overnight flight from Melbourne.

The arrests were based on allegations by a then 15-year-old girl that during the flight, Grunwald had fondled her breasts, while Friedlander touched her private parts.

Friedlander subsequently pleaded guilty to a felony charge and is serving a 22-month prison term.

In an acrimonious exchange of faxes on September 12, the two sides exchanged accusations of attempted extortion and pay-offs, as well as broken commitments, and cited an FBI sting operation during which an undercover agent allegedly "disguised" himself by wearing a kippa.

The exchange of heated statements was initiated by Grunwald's attorney, Nathan Lewin of Washington, D.C. Lewin said that the government had dismissed the charge against his client, adding that the father of the girl had attempted to extort \$800,000 to \$2 million from the hassidic communities in Melbourne and Brooklyn, and promised in return that his daughter would not testify against Grunwald.

Lewin went into details about a meeting in Burbank, California, on August 24, two days before Grunwald's original trial date, in which \$50,000 in cash was turned over to the father and daughter as "down payment."

US Attorney Nora M. Manella in Los Angeles responded with a statement that the charges against Grunwald remained in place and that he had acknowledged that "the government possesses sufficient evidence from which a jury could find him guilty." (Lewin categorically denied that Grunwald had signed such an acknowledgment.)

Manella added, however, that the government would defer prosecution if the rabbi met the conditions of 500 hours of community service unrelated to his congregation, and psychological counseling.

Manella also claimed that on two occasions, representatives of Grunwald contacted the girl's father offering an undisclosed amount of money to settle the case.

Ministry unveils NIS 180m. computer plan for schools

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday approved a NIS 180 million two-year master plan for the computerization of the nation's schools.

Hammer said that efforts will be made to have a computer available for every 10 pupils in elementary schools, as compared to one for every 20 pupils as was originally planned. In secondary schools, there will be one available for every 10 pupils, and one per kindergarten.

Science and Technology Authority director Yaffa Vigodsky said that the ministry would introduce a plan to upgrade obsolete equipment, which would use roughly 20 percent of the money

available for the master plan.

There are also plans to encourage the production of programs and workbooks for the schools, and investment in conjunction with the Industry and Trade, Science, and National Infrastructures ministries.

High school graduates will be expected to know how to search for material on the Internet, how to use data bases, and how to use a spread sheet. They will also be required to know how to write a term paper that makes use of data bases and how to use computerized simulators.

The goals for the master plan will be updated in accordance with changes in computer hardware and software, a ministry spokesman said.

Solidarity surprises Poland with clear election victory

By ADAM JASSER

WARSAW (Reuters) — Poland's Solidarity alliance stood ready to take power yesterday after a surprisingly clear victory over its arch-foes, the ruling former communists, in parliamentary elections on Sunday.

Projections based on a sample of actual results from 1,000 polling stations showed that the Solidarity Election Action (AWS) won 33.8 percent of the vote against 26.8% for the Democratic Left Alliance (SLD) of reformed communists.

The liberal Freedom Union (UW), favored by financial markets, came third with 13.4%, giving it a chance to become king-maker in the new parliament.

Financial markets were surprised by the scale of the AWS victory, taking a mildly optimistic view.

The zloty inched up, as local banks were encouraged by the UW's result, and the central bank stepped in to curb its rise by selling the Polish currency. Local brokers expected shares to edge up when the market opened later yesterday.

Western economists gave a cautious response, saying the AWS is an unknown entity, but welcoming a visible consolidation of the political scene and the UW's stronger hand.

The markets' worst pre-vote fears, of a hung parliament or the emergence of a more populist coalition influenced by the protectionist Peasant Party or a radical rightist group, now seemed more remote.

The good showing by the AWS and UW, both rooted in the Solidarity trade union that toppled communism in 1989, was sweet revenge for its founder and former president Lech Walesa, who lost to a former communist in the 1995 presidential poll.

Stepping back into the political scene, Walesa vowed to broker a quick coalition agreement between the liberal UW and the more traditionalist AWS.

"I would like to invite the victorious parties for Wednesday or Thursday at the latest... We will try to put everything in place," he told reporters.

"We have to make the best use of this victory and push reforms forward."



Solidarity Chairman Marian Krzaklewski (left) raises hands in a victory gesture in Warsaw as former Polish president Lech Walesa (right) smiles after first exit polls showed the Solidarity-led alliance won Sunday's parliamentary elections. (AP)

Coalition talks may prove difficult, however, as the AWS is suspicious of some of UW's liberal views on the economy.

The defeated ex-communists count on such a scenario, still hoping to woo the UW by offering its leader, former finance minister Leszek Balcerowicz, the post of prime minister.

But if the two post-Solidarity parties succeed, Aleksander Kwasniewski, Walesa's ex-communist successor as president, faces the prospect of cohabitation with a hostile coalition.

Although he initially said he would work with any viable gov-

ernment, Kwasniewski later signalled reluctance to give the staunchly anti-communist AWS the go-ahead to form a cabinet.

Asked if he could ignore an unwritten law that the biggest party automatically makes the first attempt to form a coalition, Kwasniewski told reporters: "It is a possible scenario." He said, however, he would soon meet AWS leaders, kicking off a consultations with all parties entering parliament.

"I think that realistically we will know the name of the next prime minister at the beginning of October," he said.

The new parliament convenes on October 20, and the president then has two weeks to nominate the prime minister.

If he refuses to do so, or his appointee fails to form a government, the initiative passes to parliament.

Only two more parties are sure to pass the 5% threshold needed to enter the lower house, but their result would give them only a handful of the 460 seats.

The co-ruling Peasant Party (PSL) won almost 7% and the populist Reconstruction of Poland 5.5%. Official results are due tomorrow

at the earliest.

Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund said it hopes that the election outcome will lead to a quick implementation of a long-advocated fiscal tightening.

"We urge the new government to move quickly to formulate and implement rational and disciplined macroeconomic policies," the fund's Warsaw-based Markus Rodlauer said.

"We have been saying again and again that there is a need for adjustment in budget and financial policies, and we hope the outcome of yesterday's vote will permit this to become reality."

Helmut Kohl's small comfort

Chancellor Helmut Kohl is a merry old soul. He insists on seeing the silver lining, rather than the great black cloud it drags behind it.

The city-state of Hamburg voted this weekend. Kohl's party lost, but that didn't stop him from smiling broadly.

Federal elections are a year away, and analysts will be pouring over the entrails of the Hamburg poll for signs and portents. Unemployment of 13 percent and rising crime, especially among immigrants in the city-state and port, dominated the campaign. Henning Voscherau has been mayor of Hamburg for nine years and despite its problems, he remains the popular local personality.

Nonetheless, the reason for Kohl's smile was the severe trouncing the Hamburg voters gave the Social Democrats - their worst since post-war democracy was restored to Germany. Although they control Hamburg, the Social Democrats are the main opposition in the nation. Kohl thinks the mood of the Hamburgians will be reflected nationwide - a nice boost for his ruling Christian Democrats were it so. Bequeathed politicians love nothing better than the hiss of turning tides.

"Before Hamburg election, the Social Democrats were urging voters 'Give Kohl something to think about.' 'Well, I must say I am very happy with the message the Hamburg voters have sent me.'"

Ebb tide

It's that great political tide again, and Kohl sees the Hamburg state result as proving that the long ebb of his own party's fortunes is on the turn at last. Indeed, the four percent plunge in support for the Social Democrats to 36.2% in their northern stronghold is worth a giggle or two: around the Christian Democrats' campfire.

And Kohl's party performance - 30.7% - was hardly the stuff of ecstasy or national landslide. The chancellor forgot to point out that his Christian Democrats could hardly sink lower than the 10% plummet to 25% in the 1993 elections. Nowhere to go but up, in other words.

As is the way of politicians, Kohl soon had a list of conclusions flowing forth like a stream of non sequiturs from the feeble results. No, this was not an essentially local spat. It was, he said, a ringing endorsement of his vision of European economic and monetary union and a punishment for the Social Democrats for their temerity in blocking his tax and pension reforms in parliament. Phew!

If we say again slowly "36 percent" and "31 percent" - the vote won by Germany's two main political parties in a major north-

ern constituency, the message is not represented by Kohl's unselfish silver lining - but by a dark electoral cloud hanging over both of the parties. He is crowing before dawn has even been sighted, and it should be his own wake-up call.

Frayed fringe

He should be worrying about two elements of the Hamburg vote he never mentioned, a surge for the far-right German People's Union, and the all but vanished liberal vote for the minority Free Democrats - Kohl's coalition partner - which gleamed a scarcely visible 3.5%.

The People's Union may only have won 4.9% (falling just below a required

5% threshold) but the extreme right fringe parties altogether pulled in seven percent.

Mayor Voscherau campaigned mainly on law-and-order and jobs. Since new immigrants are perceived as being responsible for rising crime rates, this proves a godsend to xenophobic extremist parties. Local as the issues may be, it is also true these are likely to be important nationwide in the federal elections. It would be foolhardy of either main party to let the far right make the running on such populist themes.

The Hamburg mayor also played on patriotic nerves by reminding his citizens they would be giving up their nice German marks for some anonymous common European currency. He demanded a federal referendum on the issue.

No fish, no Blair

This certainly gnawed at Kohl's nerves, hence his eagerness to read his party's slightly increased vote as pro-Euro. It may not be any such thing. Voters may simply be temporarily disenchanted with Social Democrats who don't seem to be able to get their act together - as yet they don't even have a candidate to oppose Kohl.

The Social Democrats are trying to do a belated New Labor act in emulation of Tony Blair - fudge the old socialist lefty image and become all market-minded centrists. They have ended up with a policy mess which is neither winning over the old leftists or attracting new youths. The attempt to copycat the successful British model has neither fair - nor Blair.

It is obvious to most insiders and outsiders that next year's federal election is going to be about job security, pensions, health, and social welfare - all the boring things that are all that Europeans are really worrying about. The two main parties have fudged their edges so much that neither is giving a clear lead on these issues.

The only sensible conclusion about Hamburg is that both main parties are blighted, and the voters are ill-tempered. The chancellor's cheery grin won't cut it.

FBI reviewing campaign finance 'for months'

By BRIAN DUFFY

WASHINGTON — Records of President Clinton's White House fund-raising calls that caused Attorney-General Janet Reno to take the first step in a process that could lead to appointment of an independent counsel were turned over to a Justice Department task force, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, several months ago.

But they were not reviewed by department attorneys until a few days ago because of confused document-handling procedures, government officials said Sunday.

The officials said the records pertained to "a handful" of calls made by Clinton over an unspecified period of time before last year's election and that Reno ordered the review to determine whether any money generated by the calls was placed in strictly regulated campaign accounts, which would be a violation of federal law.

Officials said that while there were several reasons for the delays in reviewing the records, the main reason was problems the FBI had in sorting, identifying and analyzing the contents of hundreds of thousands of pages

of documents obtained during the early months of the investigation, which began late last year.

"Of the vast number of documents that the investigation obtained ... as of this day, some have not yet been classified and reviewed because of problems in the FBI's document-handling system," a senior government official said.

Another official added that most of the records obtained by the task force were physically maintained in the FBI's J. Edgar Hoover headquarters building and that task force attorneys did not have ready access to them.

A third official said the documents were scanned into several differing computer systems, making review and analysis more difficult.

This official said that Justice Department complaints about document-handling problems were "a constant."

"For an investigation this important," the official said, "there are a awful lot of things that have not been handled as well as they could have been, support-wise."

Publicly available records show that in at least two instances, individuals listed on fund-raising call sheets prepared

for Clinton contributed money to the Democratic National Committee for general party-building activities, but some of the money was improperly deposited into accounts reserved for use by the Clinton-Gore campaign.

Rahm Emanuel, a senior White House policy adviser, said Sunday on CNN's *Late Edition* that Clinton does not recall having made any fund-raising phone calls.

"As he's stated ... he may have. He may not have," Emanuel said, adding that the White House is cooperating fully with the Justice Department review.

The Justice Department announced on Saturday Reno's decision to open a review of Clinton's fund-raising calls. Reno must decide at the end of 30 days whether to initiate a 90-day preliminary investigation, a step she is legally required to take before she can recommend appointment of an independent counsel.

Returning to Washington Sunday from San Francisco, Clinton told reporters on his plane that "I don't really know anything about" the review ordered by Reno.

Reno's order came two weeks

after she opened a similar review of Vice President Al Gore's White House fund-raising solicitations and the same week she announced the appointment of a new prosecutor and FBI agent to lead the task force investigation.

Reno said her decision to order the review of Gore's activities was prompted by a September 3 story in *The Washington Post* that said more than \$100,000 of largely unregulated "soft money" campaign contributions he solicited was placed into more strictly regulated "hard money" accounts.

Hard money can be used directly in individual campaigns, while soft money cannot be used to directly advocate the election of any candidate for federal office. Misreporting donations of hard and soft money can be prosecuted as a criminal offense under the Federal Election Commission Act.

Several senior Republicans said Sunday that Reno's decisions to initiate formal reviews of Clinton's and Gore's fund-raising efforts would force her to seek an independent counsel to further investigate those and other Democratic efforts to raise campaign contributions during last year's elections.

"There is specific and credible

evidence sufficient for the attorney-general of the United States to request the appointment of an independent counsel tomorrow," Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, (R-Utah) chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Sunday on NBC's *Meet The Press*. "She should do it tomorrow. She doesn't have to wait for 30 days."

Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, agreed, saying Reno now "has no other choice" but to seek an independent counsel.

Reno has been under pressure from Republicans to recommend an independent counsel to investigate Democratic fund-raising practices.

But she has resisted for months saying "career professionals" at the Justice Department could review the matter properly and that they would inform her when and if they encountered "specific and credible" evidence suggesting illegal activity by high government officials.

Emanuel, speaking after his television interview, said that Republicans "shouldn't be pressuring her and making political charges. Her decision will be based upon the law. And it needs to be free of political pressure." (Washington Post)

Mir-bound American astronaut's mom worried

By MARCIA DUNN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — With only days remaining until he flies to Russia's rickety Mir, astronaut David Wolf finds himself reassuring family, friends, and even his boss that he'll be just fine on his four-month mission.

No, it's not the worst job in America, as one TV show noted.

No, it's not a suicide mission.

"I'm not playing Russian roulette or spinning dice to see how many times I can do it before something bad happens," he said.

The hardest person to convince is his mom.

"I wouldn't mind if they canceled the whole thing," said Dottie Wolf.

Despite her fears, Mrs. Wolf didn't try to talk her firstborn out of going to the ruptured, accident-prone space station when he visited her in Indianapolis last weekend.

She trusts her son and she trusts NASA.

"When a fellow's mother looks you in the eye and asks if everything will be OK

for her son, you know the answer had better be the honest truth," shuttle-Mir program director Frank Culbertson told the House Science Committee on Thursday.

"I told her everything will be OK and if I ever discover that it's not, he won't go."

Wolf, 41, a doctor and engineer, is scheduled to leave Thursday night aboard the space shuttle Atlantis, barring another Mir catastrophe or a change of plans by NASA administrator Daniel Goldin.

Last Tuesday, nine days before the flight, Goldin called Wolf.

"I want to hear from you, unpressured, how you feel about the safety, whether you really want to do this or not," Wolf said Goldin told him.

Wolf assured Goldin that he was willing — and eager — to replace colleague Michael Foale and become the sixth American to live on Mir.

Two days later, testifying before the House Science Committee, NASA inspector-general Roberta Gross expressed concern about the safety of the aging Mir after a February fire, June collision, repeated computer breakdowns, and other

"serious problems." Committee leaders recommended that no more Americans live on Mir, although space shuttles could continue to ferry supplies.

They left the final decision up to Goldin.

That evening, Wolf spent more than an hour answering TV reporters' questions about Mir safety — an unprecedented use of astronaut time one week before launch.

It was clearly NASA public relations, as was this full-speed-ahead message from Foale on Mir: "I believe out of this cooperation of America with Russia, which is not always easy, we are achieving some extremely great things."

Wolf said he has Goldin's blessing to return immediately on Atlantis if he changes his mind once he reaches Mir. Shuttle commander James Wetherbee said he, too, will speak out if Mir turns out to be worse than expected. In fact, Wetherbee said he'd bring all three Mir men back — in addition to the seven people on Atlantis — if necessary.

"I think we have a calculated situation, an understood situation, a reasonable situ-

ation," Wolf explained. "It's not an easy situation. I don't expect a pleasure cruise out of this whatsoever. But I like adventure. I like operating in critical situations. I understand the problem. I'm sure I can do it."

His mother agrees with that last part, at least.

"He's very levelheaded, very intelligent," Mrs. Wolf said.

"He does not do stupid things. NASA does not do stupid things. There's too much at stake."

No doubt about it: There's a lot more riding on this mission than Wolf and some 3,000 kg. of supplies and equipment that need to be swapped.

Foreign policy is a big factor, as is the future of the international space station, already delayed and plagued by severe cost overruns. Russia is supposed to haul up the first piece of the station in June, seven months late.

Russia's Mir-shuttle program director, Valery Ryumin, said he believes the station will be delayed even more if NASA curtailed its Mir involvement.

Serbian Left headed for electoral victory

By JOVAN KOVACIC

BELGRADE (Reuters) — Serbia's leftist alliance yesterday appeared set to retain power for the next four years, despite a surge in the popularity of nationalists, according to initial results of presidential and parliamentary elections.

Zoran Lilic, the presidential candidate fielded by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's ruling leftist alliance, was winning some 40 percent of the vote with more than 20% counted.

Trailing behind was ultranationalist Serbian Radical Party (SRP) leader Vojislav Seselj with 28%-30%. Vuk Draskovic, leader of the Serbian Renewal Movement (SPO), was third with 21%-25%.

Ivica Dacic, spokesman for Milosevic's Socialist Party (SPS), told a news conference the leftist alliance was also winning in Belgrade, a traditional opposition bedrock.

Initial results from Sunday's voting confirmed earlier speculation that the contest would go to a runoff between Lilic and the increasingly popular Seselj on October 5, when moderate voters are expected to tilt the balance in Lilic's favor.

The ruling leftist coalition, comprising the SPS, the Yugoslav United Left, led by Milosevic's influential wife Mirjana Markovic, and Nova Demokracija, was also headed for victory in the parliamentary elections, but falling short of outright majority.

Trailing behind was the SRS, which appeared to have benefited the most from an abortive boycott by opposition parties, which hoped a turnout below the legal minimum of 50% would invalidate the elections.

Leftists were winning 40% of the votes in the parliamentary elections, the radicals up to 30% and SPO up to 25%, according to data released by various party campaign headquarters.

"We wish to warn of the radicalization of the political situation in Serbia. Serbia must think hard where it is heading," said Dragan Veselinovic, a leader in the opposition Vojvodina coalition.

His coalition, based in Serbia's Vojvodina province and pushing for more autonomy from Belgrade, was winning seven seats.

Without releasing exact figures, the Republican Election Commission said the turnout was "massive" and declared the elections a success two hours after the polls closed.

Radio Belgrade reported an average turnout of about 60% in towns across Serbia, excluding the province of Kosovo, where majority Albanians boycotted the polls.

Voters were choosing a replacement for Milosevic as president after his switch to the presidency of Federal Yugoslavia in June.

They were also electing a 250-seat parliament, with Milosevic's leftist coalition bidding for an absolute majority in the absence of a real opposition challenge.

On Holocaust denial and Japanese judges

A Tokyo court's abstention from ruling on a revisionist's defamation case might confuse an historically ignorant Japanese public

By MIKE JACOBS

TOKYO (special to the Jerusalem Post) — Following a district court decision issued here earlier this month, the Japanese public might emerge a trifle confused over whether the Holocaust actually took place.

"The court cannot decide whether or not gas chambers existed," stated the ruling which came in response to a defamation case brought by historical revisionist Aiji Kimura against three individuals: Prof. Martin Kaneko, an Austrian resident of Japan; writer Taichiro Kajimura, a Japanese resident of Germany; and Katsuchi Honda, the well-respected editor of the *Shukan Kinyobi* magazine which published their strong criticisms of plaintiff Kimura's *Controversial Points About Auschwitz*, which in turn is based on non-Japanese revisionist writings.

"I'm astonished that this is happening to me," said Prof. Kaneko. "I'm being sued in a foolish civil action for stating that the Holocaust is a given fact," adding that in countries like Austria, Germany, France and Britain such revisionism is forced to go underground. "I wonder how the Japanese government can be accorded diplomatic relations with those nations," he said.

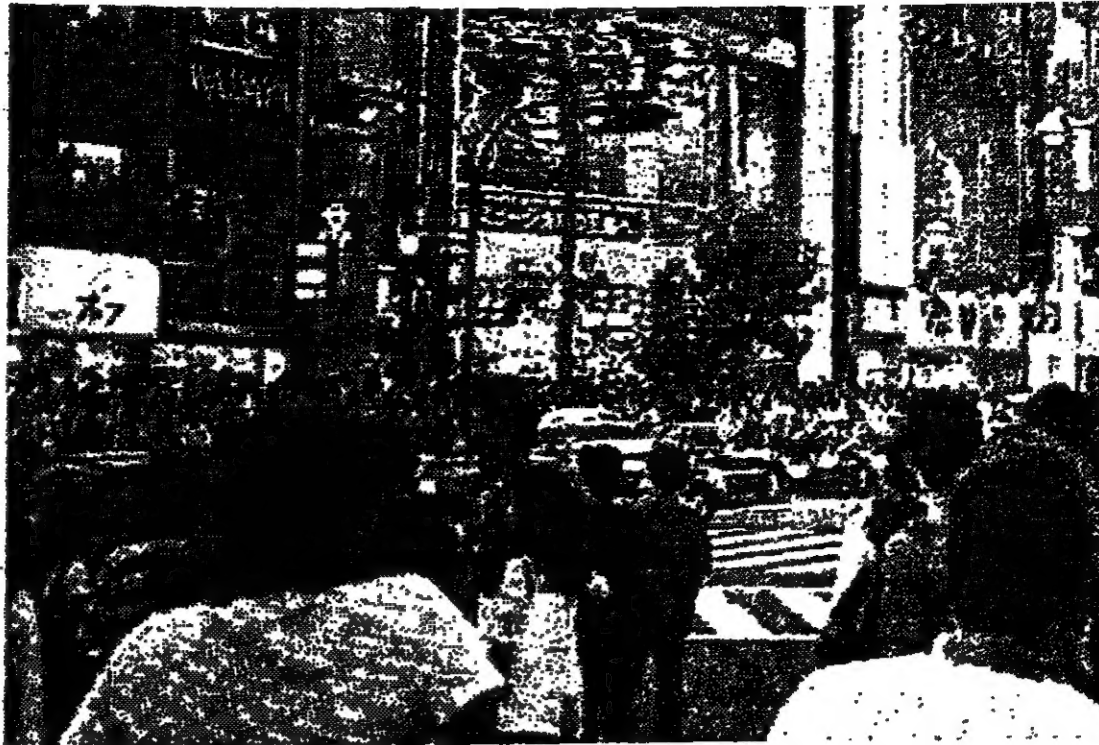
However, Tokyo says it is powerless in face of the circumstances. "Even if we want to, we can't inter-

fere with court proceedings. We can only hope that common sense prevails in the end," said a foreign ministry official.

Ernie Salomon, president of Japan's Jewish Community Center, is well aware of Kimura's antisemitic motives in bringing this case and will attempt to arrange a meeting between the offending judge and the Anti-Defamation League to explain about the Holocaust. "I realize that the Japanese and Israeli governments cannot officially intervene," he said, "but the Jewish community is free to do so."

Co-defendant Kajimura, who wrote a series attacking Kimura's Holocaust Denial, is a very angry man. He blames not only the Tokyo court for bringing international ridicule upon Japan, but he also places blame on the Japanese government for allowing such a case to be accepted, the educational system for keeping students ignorant about modern history, the Japanese media for failing to inform readerships, and the general public for their apathy over such issues. "Post-war Japan has not yet found a yardstick with which to measure wartime reality."

Asking a Japanese court to decide about the Holocaust is not unlike asking an Israeli court to decide about the extent of the Nanking Massacre in 1937. But in Japan, large chunks of modern history have soft-focus veils pulled across



Tokyo street scene: Average Japanese have hardly an inkling of what happened in the Holocaust. (AP)

them by a Ministry of Education's censorship of text books. Hence the modern generation have grown up with no coherent idea of what really happened.

At his university, Kaneko set up classes to teach the students about war crimes and the responsibilities

of Japan. "Not only was I accused of being anti-Japanese, but very few students came to class. They felt it would waste valuable study time and thought such information was not much good for getting a job," he said.

Court papers presented in Tokyo

and sent to Berlin for service upon Kajimura contained overt accusations of an Israeli/American/French cover-up of facts which "prove" there were no gas ovens at Auschwitz, the inadequacy of evidence at the Nuremberg Trials, and the spread of the Holocaust myth by

Zionists in order to take land away from the Palestinians. The court was also informed that "Israel is the last legal racist state on earth, controlled by extreme rightist groups spreading the politics of Zionism."

Kajimura explained: "The whole complaint forwarded by the Japanese court was filled with such statements which are considered a criminal act in Germany." As a consequence, Kajimura immediately filed charges of incitement against Kimura at the Berlin District Court. It was rejected.

Two issues arise: What did the judge really say? How important is the whole affair anyway?

The "unlearned" judge ventured his opinion that his court was not the place to decide the facts about the Holocaust and its extent. But then the question begs "How can you decide, then, if defamation occurs?"

Kaneko believes that "Most Japanese are well aware of the Holocaust, and the arguments of the revisionists have had very little influence. But as the statement made by the judge on September 8 has shown, the situation can quite easily change."

Honda, the third defendant, asserted that "Japan has never admitted its aggression of the past nor apologized for it. Japan will remain isolated and despised by the international community until it passes laws to criminally prosecute the media and politicians who would deny past atrocities in Asia."

Recently, a top member of the Diet stated publicly, and without any media criticism, that women seeking compensation for being forced into sexual servitude for the Japanese military were nothing more than prostitutes who were already paid for their services.

Kaneko told of many ongoing individual lawsuits against the Japanese government for war compensation. He pointed out that so far, none have been successful or else they are delayed and delayed in the hope that the plaintiffs will die.

A long-term Jewish resident in Tokyo sees another side of the story. "There's a loophole in Japanese law that makes it easy and inexpensive to sue for defamation, and Kimura took advantage of it. For \$320, he has gained an awful lot of public exposure in a nation where hardly anyone takes notice of such rubbish."

As the chief judge said last week in closed session regarding the charge of defamation against the Holocaust denial, "It's impossible to reach a settlement." He scheduled the next hearing of the case for October 21st in the hope that a compromise could be reached. Kaneko told the judge, "Under no circumstances will I agree to a compromise unless the claimant completely renounces his assertion that there were no gas chambers in Nazi concentration camps. It defames the dead and the betrayed."

One diplomatic observer commented, "Don't hold your breath. Chances are this will drag on because the Japanese authorities have positioned themselves on a fence and they rarely step down." So it would seem that Japan will never have to make an official decision on whether the Holocaust took place or not.

A spokesman at the Israeli embassy in Tokyo said, "Even though the hearing is behind closed doors, we must have faith in the Japanese system of justice and hope for the best. But there can be no compromise over such an issue. We will be monitoring events closely."

Perhaps the judge in question should call upon Kazuyoshi Hanada for an opinion, the infamous editor of *Murco Polo* magazine which was closed down two years ago after publishing a Holocaust Denial feature that caused instant global backlash. When Hanada was asked how he felt after the furor died down, he admitted, "What a bloody fool I've been! I studied the issues afterwards and gained a much different set of insights."

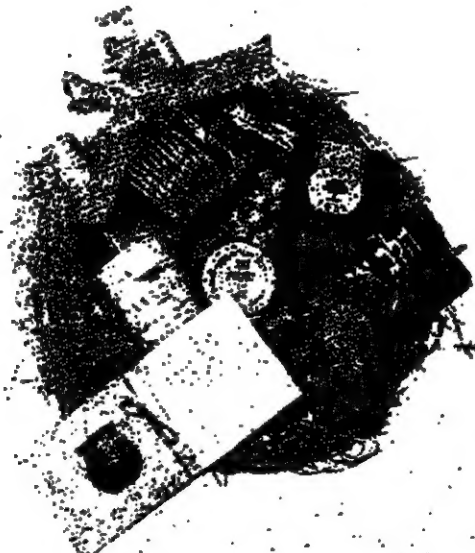
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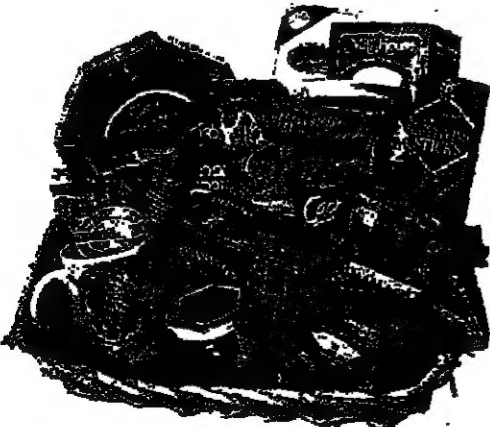
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Intellectual piracy pervades the Gulf

By HILARY GUSH

The film shows an overweight chemistry professor looking for high-tech ways to make him thinner. But the picture is obscured by two heads bobbing in the lower half of the screen.

This copy of the box-office hit *The Nutty Professor* is pirated. It was probably filmed with a handheld video recorder in a cinema in the US shortly after release.

It is an example of the thousands of pirated video cassettes available in the Gulf and underlines the wider problem of serious copyright and trademark violations in the region.

Gulf Arab states Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Oman are working to apply new copyright rules and eradicate piracy as part of efforts to lure foreign investment and cut down reliance on volatile oil revenues.

Industry executives say enforcement has improved in the past year, especially in UAE and Saudi Arabia, but there is still much to be done.

Strict application of intellectual property rights (IPRs) is also integral to bids by Oman and regional heavyweight Saudi Arabia to join the World Trade Organization. The other Gulf Arab states are already WTO members, making the enforcement of IPRs all the more crucial.

But how ever committed the Gulf states may be, raids on shops with counterfeit goods have still not cleared the shelves of fakes. Visits to downtown markets turn up widespread violations. Fake Calvin Klein T-shirts, Versace jeans, Microsoft software and Disney cartoons are available, under the counter, after a knowing wink and nod to the salesman. Imitations of well-known brands of French perfume and American car spare parts are also widely available.

The Motion Picture Association (MPA) set up a Gulf office this year to fight piracy. It estimates it lost \$99 million to fakes in 1995 in the region. The association estimates piracy of its products between 40 percent in UAE to 100 percent in Bahrain, Oman and Qatar. This, compared with some 10% in Britain and the US.

MPA Middle East general manager Scott Butler says there has been an improvement since then in Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Bahrain. "This year we have been directly involved in 40 raids against violators — six in UAE and 34 in Saudi Arabia," he said, adding that 10,000 illegal products

were seized during these raids.

The watchdog organization Business Software Alliance (BSA) says software piracy in the Gulf is among the world's highest, costing legitimate firms nearly \$68m. in lost revenues last year. It concurs with the MPA view that things are improving in certain states. The BSA says the software piracy rate in the UAE fell to 72% in 1996 from 88% the year before.

In August, the UAE for the first time sentenced a violator to jail for selling fake videos. He got a month behind bars. "The case highlights the fact that the courts are handing out harsher sentences," said lawyer Essam al-Tamimi.

Gulf papers regularly run advertisements carrying registered trademarks and warning unlicensed businesses against using them. Last year an independent UAE super-

market was forced to change its name to Jasco from Tesco — a well-known British chain.

But the UAE seems to be pretty much alone in its drive. "I don't know of a single case of copyright infringement that has been taken to Saudi courts," a Saudi lawyer said, but added there had been some successful trademark protection outcomes. His country was cited by Washington in its last annual review of countries which do not effectively protect IPRs.

MPA's Butler said that apart from video stores selling fakes, there are also street vendors in Saudi Arabia who are hard to pin down. Although quality is generally inferior, the copies compete in price, selling at \$5-\$8 compared to \$13-\$20 for an original.

In neighboring Qatar, copyright laws have been enforced only since May. "We destroyed around 3,000 pirated (video) cassettes ... immediately after the enforcement of the law in May," said Abdullah Qayed al-Amadi, head of Qatar's copyright bureau.

But even though the law carries what Amadi says are the Gulf's harshest penalties, industry sources say piracy is still rife. In Kuwait, copyright laws have been criticized by foreigners as not offering enough protection or stiff enough penalties.

"Until the government comes out with a proper copyright law with punitive measures, we can expect violations to continue," Butler said, adding that he expected more comprehensive legislation soon.

(Reuters)

Germany's downward spiral

The dumping of an esteemed former president is just one indicator of the depths to which German politics has descended in anticipation of federal elections

By MARY WILLIAMS WALSH

BERLIN — It may not be the stuff that drives elections here, but it certainly reflected an unusual meanness of spirit in German politics last week when word got out that one of the nation's most respected public figures, former President Richard von Weizsäcker, had been given the bum's rush by his own party.

Von Weizsäcker, a 77-year-old gentleman of the old school who lives in a villa in one of Berlin's best neighborhoods, didn't even know what had hit him until it was splashed across the tabloids. Although he was head of state from 1984 to 1994, he had been unceremoniously dropped from the rolls of the Christian Democratic Union.

The official reason: Von Weizsäcker had failed to pay his dues to the CDU, which governs Germany in a three-party coalition.

The real reason: Von Weizsäcker had had the nerve to criticize his own party in a magazine interview, saying he saw "power madness" at work among the leadership, with more energy being devoted to survival in office than to solving the nation's problems.

The dumping of an esteemed former president is just one sign of the depths to which politics has descended in Germany this fall with the opening of the campaign for next year's federal elections. Good manners toward an elder statesman aren't the only thing being abandoned in the rush for votes. So are crucial questions of public policy.

"A year of torment, caused by inertia, is upon us," lamented Joschka Fischer, head of the environmentalist Greens party, who worries that nothing of consequence will be accomplished in Bonn for an entire year, until the next federal parliament is chosen on Sept. 27, 1998.

"The only thing I expect is that in the next 12 months, none of the decisions that we need will be made," agreed Karl Feldmeyer, a reporter who covers the CDU for the respected newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*.

During the yearlong run-up to the federal elections, there will be a series of five state and municipal elections, the first of which was held Sunday in the northern city-state of Hamburg.

The Hamburg voting was widely watched — as the results of the next four contests will be — as a harbinger of what will happen to German Chancellor Helmut Kohl when the nation goes to the polls next September. Kohl has served 15 years as chancellor, and he is trying for a record fifth term.

But if Hamburg's voters are any indication, this is a bad omen for Kohl — though not well-disposed toward his opposition either.



Former German president Richard von Weizsäcker, here during a 1985 visit to Jerusalem with former mayor Teddy Kolek, has been punished by the ruling CDU for criticizing the "power madness" of its leaders. (Gustavo Feinblatt)

Kohl's Christian Democrats won only about 31 percent of the vote in Hamburg, according to early computer projections Sunday evening. It was a defeat, but not an awful defeat in a city that has been governed by the center-left Social Democratic Party for the last 40 years.

But the Social Democrats managed to get only about 37 percent of the vote, such a dismal showing that their incumbent mayoral candidate, Henning Voscherau, promptly resigned.

"This is a bitter disappointment for me," he said. "The results are no proof of confidence in me, or in my party." The one party with something to crow about Sunday

evening in Hamburg was the extreme-right German People's Union, a Germany-for-Germans outfit that appeared to have won enough votes to sit in the Hamburg government for the first time.

The weak showing for the Social Democrats reflected their failure, at the federal level, to present a convincing economic-policy alternative to Kohl's rule. Nor do they have anything like Britain's Tony Blair — a charismatic new leader who can rally the worn-out rank and file.

"The opposition is not prepared," Feldmeyer said. "If the (federal) elections were held this weekend, they could not answer the question of who their candidate is."

In the absence of fresh ideas and new blood, the campaign season is proving one of near-total policy paralysis. Kohl, who announced in April that he will seek his fifth term, hasn't been able to push through a single major initiative since. The Social Democrats, who control the lower house of Parliament, are blocking any important bill that comes their way.

Their main success has been to frustrate Kohl's plans for sweeping tax reform, launched in January and designed to yield tax cuts worth up to \$17 billion a year after 1999. Other Kohl ideas, such as the restructuring of Germany's underfinanced pension system and the reduction of non-wage labor costs, also have been halted.

Even an attempt to simplify the official rules of German spelling and punctuation is stalled. And with his programs in trouble, Kohl is showing signs of an inability to control his own coalition. One junior partner, the Free Democratic Party, unhelpfully spent the summer fighting his tax policies. And the other, the Bavaria-based Christian Social Union, has been flailing with opposition to the upcoming European currency union, a goal upon which Kohl has staked his career.

The coming year of likely gridlock might conceivably be tolerable if all was well in the German economic house. But it isn't.

Unemployment is at a postwar record level of 12 percent. Germany is sliding lower on international competitiveness indexes and the economic gap between the former East and West remains wide.

One recent poll suggested that if the German business class had its way, it would replace the hapless Kohl with another CDU member, Kurt Biedenkopf. A former West German, Biedenkopf is now the highly popular governor of the former eastern state of Saxony — and perhaps Kohl's most formidable antagonist within the CDU.

Could Biedenkopf stage a palace coup and save the governing party from an exhausted chancellor? Informed observers say that Biedenkopf doesn't have the support he needs.

And short of such an internal revolt, there is almost no mechanism in Germany for removing a head of government before his elected term runs out. And divided though Kohl's governing coalition is, it seems unlikely to come undone at the moment, because the smaller partners aren't willing to risk losing power by jumping ship.

That means that Kohl's Christian Democrats are likely to stay where they are for Fischer's forthcoming "year of torment" — and then lose next September's elections. (The Los Angeles Times)

When politicians turn into anchors

By JANE HAL

NEW YORK — When CBS announced last spring that it had hired former Rep. Susan Molinari to co-anchor a Saturday morning news show, the reception from many reporters was, "How could you?"

"How can you make her an anchor when she hasn't put in any time in the news business, when she's absolutely an amateur?" was the first question addressed to CBS News president Andrew Heyward.

The 39-year-old Molinari was surprised by the attacks. "I know there are very legitimate questions about how I'm going to be an unbiased journalist," says Molinari, who began co-anchoring CBS News' *Saturday Morning News* with CBS correspondent Russ Mitchell this weekend. "But I find it somewhat ironic that the people who were accusing me of not being able to separate my emotions from my ability to deliver the news clearly could not separate their emotions when they were asking me questions. I've been a member of Congress for seven years. It isn't as if I've just graduated from grammar school and have decided TV is something I want to do."

In fact, what troubles even critics who don't want her job is that Molinari has just graduated from Congress and decided that TV is something she wants to do.

The hiring of a prominent politician who gained fame for her keynote speech at the Republican National Convention last year is viewed by many media critics as a troubling example of a new TV trend in which once and possibly future political candidates — from conservative commentator Pat Buchanan to Democratic strategist George Stephanopoulos — are being given high-profile jobs in network news.

"It's not good for journalism to convey the message that there's no difference between government and journalism," says Lewis Wolfson, professor of communication at American University in

Washington. "Susan Molinari is a partisan political animal; almost any issue she might talk about on TV could involve a potential conflict of interest."

Heyward acknowledges that there are risks to his decision to hire Molinari.

"If her performance is below par, there will be the issue of our hiring someone who didn't have experience as an anchor," he said. "And if she is perceived as having a political agenda, we'll obviously be criticized for that. But I believe that Susan is a natural for television, a woman whose intelligence and real-life experience will resonate with the women and young families we want to reach on Saturday morning."



Media Update

"We're going to aim to be topical, with the news of the week and an interview with a newsmaker ahead of the Sunday morning talk shows," Molinari said. "We'll also have consumer information, medical and health updates and features we hope will be helpful to families."

Molinari, who is married to Rep. Bill Paxon, has an 18-month-old daughter, Susan Ruby. She hopes to bring her interest in parenting to the CBS show.

"It would be absurd for Susan not to talk about political stories," Heyward said, "but we're not going to put her in a position where she would be seen taking sides."

Her reasons for making the change, Molinari said, were personal and political. "I've always thought that I would like to work in television, and I had reached the point where it was clear that I wasn't going to be able to go much higher in this conservative Congress," she explained.

Molinari has been doing run-arounds on the set and reports that anchoring is not as easy as it looks. "It's hard to listen through your earpiece, watch the camera angles, and think of what's being said and what you want to say next," she commented.

(The Los Angeles Times)

Weekend soldiers reenact Civil War's bloody battles

SHARPSBURG, Maryland, — The quiet of the leafy hills is shattered by the boom of a cannon. The ground explodes in flames. Hundreds of men in blue and gray uniforms face each other in lines, point their rifles and fire.

At first, no one falls. Then, as the firing intensifies and smoke billows into the air, some crumple. A few break ranks and run forward, then tumble to the ground.

"Some people just like to die," said Mike John, a US Navy captain from Annapolis, Maryland.

The combatants are weekend warriors acting out a pretend battle — one of dozens of American Civil War reenactments held every year

along the eastern United States.

"It really is a cottage industry," said John, who is transformed for the weekend into a Union soldier in authentic wool uniform, carrying a rifle minus the live ammunition.

Thousands of Civil War history buffs have left cellphones, pagers and computers behind to relive the bloodiest day in American military history — September 17, 1862, when 23,000 men were killed or wounded at the battle of Antietam.

In the real battle 135 years ago, a 90,000-strong Union force halted the first invasion of the North by Gen. Robert E. Lee and his 35,000-man Confederate Army of Northern Virginia.

But the losses were so great the Northern force failed to finish off the defeated Confederates and Lee's army escaped the battlefield to fight another day.

Five days after Antietam, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation that freed slaves in the South, possibly averting Britain and France's entering the war on the side of the Confederates.

Antietam is hallowed ground to many of the estimated 14,000 participants in the make-believe events, which organizers assert were the largest such Civil War reenactments ever. At least 50,000 spectators paid up to \$9 (NIS 31)

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By Gabe Weisberg

each to view the events over three days the weekend before the anniversary, organizers said.

The money will be used to preserve Civil War sites.

Spectator Larry Blackwood, an Arlington, Virginia, lawyer and admitted Civil War addict, spoke in reverential tones about Antietam and Bloody Lane, the road where the fighting was so intense. Union soldiers were said to have walked over the bodies of

Confederates four and five deep.

"I feel moved just visiting those places," he said. "There's something ghostly about it."

Punists relived Antietam to the smallest detail. They wore Civil War-era wool uniforms in the September heat. Less than authentic dress was frowned upon.

The reenactment was held on a 900-acre (364-hectare) farm with similar terrain a few miles from the real battlefield. An entire tent city sprang up on the site, with Union and Confederate camps. There was a kind of 19th-century shopping mall, where merchants or "sutlers" sold everything from women's hoop skirts to a hard bis-

cuit eaten by the troops.

The battle script followed closely that of the real Antietam, with a few 20th-century touches. A local radio station broadcast a play-by-play, a helicopter hovered overhead and an ambulance lurked on the edge of the conflict in case real blood was spilled.

One person died of a heart attack during the reenactment. But most other problems were confined to heat exhaustion and blisters on the feet.

Tom Fasulo, an entomologist for the University of Florida, posed as a Union soldier. He said Civil War reenactments allowed him to get away from technology and enjoy

the outdoors. "It is the perfect hobby. Whenever you get tired, you just fall down and die," he joked.

There were even look-alikes for the Union and Confederate commanders. A New York schoolteacher played George McClellan, the Union general who infuriated Lincoln by failing to pursue the Confederates after Antietam.

Robert Moats of Richmond, Virginia was a star of the show as Lee, the brilliant, aristocratic Confederate general. Moats so resembled the Confederate icon that when he rode a gray horse like Lee's famous steed Traveller during the reenactment, applause ripped through the crowd. (Reuters)

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Point-for-point parody

The list of nine demands being made of Israel, presented by the Palestinians in Washington, comes in response to the list of 10 demands of the Palestinians that Israel presented to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright during her visit here earlier this month. While the Israeli list focused on the Palestinian Authority's need to repair some of its most egregious infractions of the agreements it has signed since 1993, the Palestinians' can best be described as a laundry list of non-starters that should not be discussed in the context of resuming negotiations.

Israel's list of demands includes a call for a serious Palestinian commitment to fight terror, a cessation of incitement against Israelis, confiscation of weapons from known extremists and the resumption of full security cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian security forces. All of these points were already agreed on by both sides in the context of the Oslo Accords.

The PA's list, on the other hand, includes a demand that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu immediately stop meeting with what the Palestinians term "extremist settlers." Those same "extremists" should not be allowed to carry weapons, and "extremist rabbis" should be jailed. It also demands that Arutz 7 broadcasts be banned or jammed, that cabinet ministers be forbidden from making outspoken statements against the Palestinians and that Tzahi Hanegbi be removed as justice minister.

Perhaps most amazing is the Palestinian demand that Israel stop its "revolving-door policy" concerning the arrest and subsequent release of right-wing extremists and retry people who have been acquitted of charges they committed crimes against Palestinians.

The PA leadership should get its own house in order before it has the audacity to condition a renewal of talks on such demands. Its nine points bear so many similarities to various Israeli complaints that have been lodged against the Palestinians that the list could easily be misconstrued as a parody.

Except that this time nobody is laughing. Albright used her Mideast trip as an opportunity to take a tough approach to the Palestinians. While she did not hesitate to talk straight with Netanyahu, she reserved her harshest public

words for Arafat and the PA. When she said, "Partners in pursuit of peace have to expect a total, sustained and comprehensive effort to preempt terror," nobody thought she was referring to Israeli terror. While the Ras al-Amud controversy shifted a bit of attention away from Albright's stern call for a sustained PA war on terror, the Palestinians can't expect to find a sympathetic ear in Washington for their nine points.

Interviewed on Israel Radio yesterday, Arafat adviser Ahmed Tibi essentially admitted that the demands come in response to previous Israeli demands. For example, Tibi said the call for banning Arutz 7 was the Palestinians' response to Israel's calls — never acted on — to jam Voice of Palestine broadcasts.

In fact, if Israel had not made continued demands that the PA live up to its commitments, it is doubtful whether the PA would have drawn up its nine-point memorandum. Israeli calls for detaining Hamas activists seem to have been "answered" with a Palestinian call to arrest "extremist rabbis." Israel's request for the extradition of Palestinian Police chief Ghazi Jabali, suspected of organizing terror cells and calling for terror against Israel, is "met" with a Palestinian demand for the removal of Hanegbi. Israeli calls for confiscating illegally held weapons are "countered" with a Palestinian call to forbid settlers from bearing arms.

The PA has drawn Israeli wrath for its much-heralded arrest, trial and conviction of terrorists, inevitably followed by a much quieter release or "escape" of the same "convicted" men. Few Israelis take seriously anymore reports that the Palestinian security forces are rounding up suspected terrorists. For the PA to accuse Israel of maintaining a revolving-door policy vis-a-vis those arrested and of having corrupt courts, is little short of unbelievable.

The crisis in the peace process is undeniable. The Palestinians lay the blame for the stalemate at the Netanyahu government's doorstep, but that does not justify making petty demands in an effort to shift the focus from their own shortcomings. With both sides going to Washington in an attempt to save the process, this is no time for pathetic diversionary tactics.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ERADICATING THE PROBLEM

Sir, — Isolating children infested with lice and refusing to admit them to the classroom until they are "cured" as Esther Porath suggests in her letter "No Win Situation" (September 14) is a cruel practice which would not solve the lice problem.

The policy of sending infested children home from school is followed in a number of states in America but has not succeeded in eradicating the problem which has become even more serious.

Dr. Kosta Mumcuoglu, in an excellent brochure and a short videotape, explains clearly a number of simple preventive methods for keeping children free from lice, even if there are other infested children in their class. The brochure can be obtained from the Ministry of Health, and the videotape will soon be available.

DR. JACQUELINE MILLER
Jerusalem.

ELIMINATING PARTICIPANTS

Sir, — I agree with Helen Schary Motro in "Rest in Peace, peace" (September 18) that the peace demonstration held this past Saturday night would have been more persuasive with "a quarter of a million voices roaring on the barricades." However, the organizers of the event scheduled it during Shabbat, thereby eliminating countless other participants. Was it just assumed that no Shabbat observers would attend? If so, then this is another example of the de-facto separation into camps that is sometimes thrust upon people of goodwill.

ROSANNE SKOPP
Herzliya.

WILL HAVE TO PAY

Sir, — I cannot contain my indignation any longer. Why does our Knesset always vote themselves another increase in salary at the same time as demanding that the budget be cut — at the expense of the weaker section of the community and including cuts in health and education funding?

And now we, the people, will have to pay for the police and possibly army protection for guarding the provocateurs who have moved into Ras al-Amud. Such insensitivity at this critical time!!

According to media reports, these settlers have the approval of Ariel Sharon, who has round-the-clock guarding of both his empty house in the Arab quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem as well as his ranch in the Negev.

It would appear that our government is only for some of the people.

ANTIA BEOMAN
Herzliya.

ENJOYING THE VIEW

Sir, — My congratulations to Mr. Moskowitz, who only wants to see people of different races and religions and nationalities living together as in any democratic country. Let's see him now rent some of his properties in Rehavia. Mea She'arim or the Jewish Quarter to nice Arab families interested only in enjoying the view. Surely, their Jewish neighbors will respect them as much as they respect them.... By the way, how about a Nobel Peace Prize nomination for Mr. Moskowitz?

HAIM GLOTTMAN
Ra'anana.

RESIDENTS NOT SETTLERS

Sir, — Jay Bushinsky uses in his article "Gov't seeks Ras al-Amud solution" the words "settlers" and "settlement" (September 17).

When the Americans occupied the Indians' land they were called settlers and the land settlement. The land at Ras al-Amud was bought legally, and the people who live there are "residents" not "settlers." If you don't use the right words you cause damage to Israel.

SHEMAYAHU BEKEMAN
Jerusalem.

LACK OF COMMITMENT

Sir, — On the Health page of September 14, it is noted that the "Jerusalem municipality is making restaurant owners and workers aware of the law, so that they can practice citizen's arrest of anyone who violates the smoking laws in restaurant settings." The article adds that "...this tactic is easier than sending inspectors to the site."

I disagree. Citizen arrests can be unprofessionally handled and very dangerous if the target of the arrest weighs more than the arrestee. Let's be direct. The real problem is the municipality's insincerity and lack of commitment to enforcing the laws that pertain to restaurants. The city can not afford, via fines, by hiring an army of inspectors. But unfortunately, it's another instance of the city not putting its money where its (alleged) philosophy lies.

So what did he do?
He appealed to Yale against the ordinance that freshmen and sophomores have to occupy university quarters.

There is an easy way out of this, but costly. If you pay Yale for your room and board (\$6,850), who cares where you actually live — in an apartment down the street or at the other end of the city, as far as official Yale is concerned? But Hack is a creature of the current culture, which opts for a lawsuit wherever possible. So he is cranking up a complaint alleging that Yale is discriminating against his religion.

The reasoning is as follows: My religion says I shouldn't live cheek-by-jowl with a member of the opposite sex unless we are married. Yale enforces such arrangements. Therefore, Yale discriminates against my religion.

It would seem a loony charge, but Time magazine reports that lawyers are ready to take it on, among them Alan Bershowitz. And there is a speck of a precedent in the recent case where a student offended by the seam-

The names of 29 men "wanted by police" who escaped from Acre Prison on May 4 was published by the Public Information Office.

Alexander Zivelli

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The case for withdrawal

The Movement for a Peaceful Withdrawal from Lebanon arose as a result of the high cost of our remaining there. Had we been given the security zone for free, I suppose this movement would not have been embraced so widely by all walks of the political spectrum.

For 15 years Israel has been trying to minimize the number of Israeli victims stemming from the invasion of Lebanon and Israel's remaining there. The cost has been approximately 1,000 dead and thousands wounded. No enemy action would have exacted such an exorbitant toll. The Lebanon War no more brought peace to Galilee than the security zone prevented Katyushas. As has often been the case historically, it has been an example of knowing how to wage war, while having no plan of how to end it.

We had a peace agreement with Lebanon, but Lebanon was not capable of implementing it. We said we'd even leave without peace, if the Syrians would do the same. But they didn't.

We resolved to leave Lebanon unilaterally, and established a security zone for the South Lebanese Army to man. But the SLA could not manage the area without us — which is why we returned on a large scale.

As Israel's cabinet secretary between 1984-1986, I was involved both in the decision to leave Lebanon and in the implementation of that decision. The public debate at that time strongly resembled the one currently being conducted. In both cases there was great apprehension about unilateral withdrawal without having first obtained guarantees from any other party. Nevertheless, the resolution was adopted.

Our gradual easing back into Lebanon — which has taken place without the cabinet officially changing its policy — has created a new situation there. We are the

YOSSI BEILIN

ones responsible for creating that situation!

In the first place, a new movement, the Hizbullah, has arisen before our very eyes — from among our friends the Shi'ites, of all groups — whose original intention was to turn Lebanon into a theocratic state but wound up as a national liberation movement under our occupation.

Israel, which succeeded in forc-

Israel must announce that it accepts Security Council resolution 425 from 1978, and intends to leave Lebanon

ing the PLO out of Lebanon into Tunis, and in destroying the terrorist infrastructure in Lebanon, currently will not evacuate south Lebanon, for fear that the Hizbullah will pursue it over the Green Line.

Secondly, the SLA has grown so used to us that any evacuation on our part would seem like an act of abandoning allies.

Thirdly, Syria has gotten used to using us an excellent excuse for its own stay in Lebanon. For, as long as we remain, their keeping 40,000 soldiers stationed on Lebanese soil is justified. This is why Syria has been hinting that if we leave, it will find a way to hurt us.

AS long as we continue to pay the high death toll in Lebanon, Syria has the leverage to propose a peace with Israel on its own terms.

The security zone does not provide security for northern Israel, though it costs an annual fee of

many dozens of young people. It cannot prevent Katyushas — their range is greater than the depth of the zone — nor does it prevent the infiltration of terrorists into Israel since, unlike the PLO, the Hizbullah never attempted to infiltrate Israel.

Both Likud and Labor governments have remained in Lebanon because each administration fears being blamed for having altered the parameters of the region in the event of any future outbreak of violence, and because there is no public pressure on the government to leave Lebanon. Public pressure is likely to have an impact because not only is there no ideological reason to stay, but there is no internal political reason either.

Israel must announce that it accepts Security Council resolution 425 from 1978 and intends to leave Lebanon. It must also find solutions for SLA soldiers inside and outside of Lebanon, and withdraw from Lebanon while spreading out along the southern side of the international border.

True, a full solution will be found only when we sign peace treaties with Syria and Lebanon, but it would be a grave error for us to agree to continue serving as hostages in Lebanon until then, and to give Assad veto-power over our exit.

We will be able to defend the northern settlements better without the security zone, which itself constitutes an ongoing focus of friction — friction which has ended on more than one occasion in Katyushas falling on Kiryat Shmona.

There are those who say that this is a gamble. I tell them that if the violence turns out to be greater than anticipated, we will always be able to take action in Lebanon, and even to return to the south if necessary. To remain in the present death trap is not a gamble — it is certain peril.

The writer is a Labor MK.

Peres's moves

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

Again and again former Labor Party leader Shimon Peres and his friends seem determined to verify Yitzhak Rabin's evaluation of him as an "indefatigable under-miner."

In 1991 — about a year after Peres's "stinking maneuver," at a time when Rabin made it clear that he intended to contest the Labor Party leadership and soon after Ehud Barak was appointed as the IDF's chief of staff — Peres declared that he saw Barak as one of two people (the other being the writer Amos Oz) worthy of replacing him as chairman of the Labor Party.

However, like Ben-Gurion, who in the early 1960s designated Levi Eshkol as his heir but then did everything in his power to discredit the man, so too does Peres seem determined to place spokes in Barak's wheels. Even before Barak was elected party chairman in June 1997, Peres supported the initiative to have himself elected as the party's president. Now he is reported to be playing with idea of formally leading the Israeli peace movement.

There are many things wrong with this idea. Most importantly, it is liable to undermine Barak's status, even though the new Labor leader still emerges from all opinion polls as the only person on the Left with a chance of beating Benjamin Netanyahu in the year 2000.

There is certainly room for improvement in Barak's performance as leader of the Labor Party but he appears to be gaining points amongst certain parts of the population, which voted for Netanyahu in 1996. He is also regarded by the Arab leaders actively involved in the peace process — King Hussein, Yasser Arafat and Hosni Mubarak — as Rabin's natural heir.

LEAVING aside the damage Peres is likely to cause Barak by standing at the head of the Israeli peace movement, what exactly is this "peace movement" Peres is

Does he really deserve the title of "Mr. Peace?"

to lead? Is it Peace Now (which totally rejects the whole idea) plus? Does it include the movement A Whole Generation Demands Peace, headed by Yitzhak Rabin's son Yuval, who is no great fan of Peres?

And assuming that one can actually define this movement, what exactly is its purpose? If its main task is to hold demonstrations in favor of the peace process and gain new adherents among the Israeli public, is the 73-year-old Peres, with his image as the perpetual loser, really the right man to stand at its head?

If its main task is to hold negotiations with the Arab leaders behind the government's back, Peres might be delighted to take on the job, but will that really benefit the peace process and help those who favor it regain power?

And what is the peace message that Peres represents — the New Middle East which, while well-intended, is regarded in Arab circles as a synonym for Israeli economic imperialism? Peres certainly deserves part of the credit for finally getting the peace process off the ground. But is he capable of stopping the current government from wrecking it, and does he really deserve the title of "Mr. Peace?"

It was Peres who, when defense minister between 1974-77, refused to even receive those who held talks with PLO representatives (Rabin, as prime minister, was at least willing to listen to their impressions). It was Peres, who in the early 1980s didn't have the guts to get up and state loudly and clearly: "The PLO is our only partner on the Palestinian side," even though (according to Yossi Beilin) he already knew this to be true.

It was Peres, who as foreign minister, managed to wreck the chances for the convention of a Middle East peace conference before the outbreak of the intifada, by failing to involve then-premier Yitzhak Shamir in his own successful negotiations with King Hussein, that culminated in the London Agreement of April 1987. And finally, though Peres insists on taking credit for the Oslo process, let us not forget that it was Beilin who sired it.

The only vantage point from which the idea of placing Peres at the head of the Israeli peace movement looks good, is that of the opponents of the peace process. If indeed they seek to serve the cause of peace, Peres's friends should talk him out of this cockeyed idea.

(Universal Press Syndicate)

The writer is a political scientist.

Shock time at Yale

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

ness of college living arrangements sued the University of Nebraska and was permitted to seek shelter off-campus.

The intimate-life arrangements are defended by Yale as elsewhere on the grounds that by such experience men learn about women and vice versa. But young Elisha makes a persuasive point by pleading that the impulse to climb the flight of stairs and have at it is by no means energetically discouraged on campus. He has noticed the omnipresent supplies of condoms and the course on safe sex, to which he declined to expose himself.

Now he may sound a bit of a prude, but by coincidence, the issue of the Yale Daily News that welcomed incoming freshmen last week published a page on social life at Yale, one part of which was headed, "Yahs find strange sites for sex." The story by Isaiah Wilner, manifestly not an Orthodox Jew, was exuberant on the matter of opportunities on campus.

Yale offers more than its share of breathtaking vistas from its Gothic towers — students make use of the centuries-old halls, residential colleges and libraries first as places of study — but secondly as kinky havens of intercourse.

The reader doubts the reporter intended to use the word "kinky" because the balance of the article suggests absolutely orthodox fornication. But the idea is certainly conveyed to the freshmen that sex on campus is what one ... does, like canasta or lacrosse. Indeed, that sex is a challenge of sorts. And by no means confined to bedrooms: "In its mythic proportions, if not in reality, public sex predominates. I have a friend who's made a pact with one of his best

friends that if neither has sex in the stacks before graduation they'll hook up together," said one Yale student.

And the reporter advises the incoming class: "Some seniors have goals of having sex in Yale's famous places, such as Harkness Tower and the Sterling Memorial Library stacks. Others just get busy in public restaurants and laundry rooms."

The whole business of sardine-in-the-can living between the sexes was explored in Yale's conservative monthly, *The Free Press*, last year, with students of both sexes giving their views in the matter. One earnest contributor recited learned anthropological and philosophical reasons against coeducation-become-cohabitation by concluding, "On top of all that, it's just plain icky."

If there is a moral question to be considered, one supposes that a Yale student could discover it in the library stacks among the discarded condoms. But Yale is hardly alone on the matter: The Playboy philosophy rules.

But there are other impulses lurking. John Cloud of *Time* writes, "The growth of religious conservatism could rekindle the flames."

"Today you have a larger interest among students in religion, whether it's Orthodox Judaism or ... fundamentalist Christianity," says David Merkwitz of the American Council on Education. One survey indicates that half of freshmen identify themselves as Protestant, up from a third 15 years ago.

And plaintiff Rachel Wohlgelemer says: "I don't think it's a uniquely Jewish issue. It's a moral issue." Jumping Jehoshaphat — what will they come up with next!

Peres's moves

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The United Politics of Benetton

The Italian clothier is back in the region with a new ad campaign promoting the idea that friendship between Jews and Arabs can and does exist, Jennifer Friedlin reports

Advertisers used to follow one simple dictum: Sex sells.

Then things got complicated. Calvin Klein, which once featured stick-thin models saying the words "nothing comes between me and my Calvin's," started splattering fat people on the pages of glossy magazines; America's ABC TV tried to woo viewers by telling them they have enough brain cells to waste some on hours in front of the boob tube; and Italian clothier Benetton, the godfather of controversial advertising, started featuring military cemeteries, a nun and a priest kissing, and even the Gaza Strip on its billboards and brochures.

In this era of ironic advertising, the Middle East must have the right combination of political turmoil, interesting faces and international recognition, because last week Benetton's world-renowned photographer and creative director, Oliviero Toscani, breezed back into town to shoot the Spring/Summer issue of the company's "Colors" catalog. Only this time, Benetton decided to turn controversy on its head with a campaign designed to promote the idea that friendship between Jews and Arabs can — and does — exist.

Against the larger backdrop of Irving Moskowitz's attempt to settle Jews in Ras al-Amud, continued bloodshed in southern Lebanon and the constant threat of suicide bombings, Toscani

spent three days photographing Jews and Arabs who work, live and hang out together.

"Nowadays, around the world people think that you only hate each other. I wanted to see if you really hate each other," said Toscani, removing his orange, horn-rimmed glasses. "What I found is that it is not really true. It seems that things here are much better individually than politically."

Several months ago, an Italian woman, who formed an organization to promote peace between Jews and Arabs, approached Toscani with the idea of dedicating a catalog to the cause. Toscani liked the concept and dispatched his casting director to Israel to seek out instances of harmony between people who are known around the world for their irreconcilable differences.

Brice Compagnon encountered a mixed response. But despite the guffaws from Jews and Arabs who insisted that friendship between the two peoples does not exist, Compagnon found at least a dozen instances where it does.

In Tel Aviv, he located three students, two Jews and an Arab, who voluntarily share an apartment, having decided not to fill in the box on religion on the application form for university lodgings. In Jerusalem, Compagnon met Jews and Arabs who have got to know one another while working at Jerusalem's trendy Moment cafe. And in Hebron, he found two press photographers,



Photographer Oliviero Toscani takes pictures of peace activists Gali Gold (left) and Yuman Huwari.

(Debbie Hill)

an Arab and a Jew, who became buddies while elbowing through

the turmoil to snap their pictures.

The catalog, which will portray the subjects together — standing arm in arm, schmoozing over a cup of Turkish coffee, or working next to each other in the office — will also include a one-line caption expressing their thoughts on Jewish/Arab relations.

And, of course, they will all be wearing clothing from Benetton's summer collection.

This combination of clothing and politics has dismayed some observers. Although promoting friendship in the Middle East, even on a small scale, is nothing to scoff at, opponents of Toscani's campaigns charge that his formula for selling designer apparel minimizes serious issues by reducing them to trite two-dimensional slogans.

Critics question whether Benetton really cares about the people featured in its ads, or just exploits dramatic situations to gain publicity.

But, argues Toscani, Benetton's 1995 Gaza brochure was trying to show "real" people, who, despite everything, still have hope for a better future. The company does this, he says, by featuring such people as Mohamed Arafat Abu Hassira, a 63-year-old TV engineer, who may never have heard of the

company before Toscani arrived. He is pictured in front of a wall with Arabic graffiti, wearing a blue Benetton sweater and keffiyeh. The blurb next to the photo reads, "I wish for freedom and an identity card."

The company's more radical campaigns have resulted in legal wranglings. Following a 1994

used to put women in those postures himself when he worked as a fashion photographer for magazines such as *Vogue*. "It's ironic that in Israel, even friendship is considered a controversial subject," he comments.

When asked why he chose Israelis, rather than Rwandans or Irish to convey his message,

the oversized catalog to its 7,000 outlets in 120 countries. (*The New York Times*, by comparison, has a circulation of 1.2 million.)

"The benefit is not just for Benetton," said Yuman Huwari, a 27-year-old peace activist from the village of Azzun, who posed with her friend, co-activist Gali Gold.

"As a woman I hesitated, because in Islam a woman's face is not a product to be sold, but at the same time, I thought about the number of people you can reach through this catalog," Huwari said.

No matter what a viewer thinks about Benetton's assorted campaigns, they always succeed because they never fail to create a buzz. As the hundreds of Israeli-based journalists and photographers who came out to cover Benetton's latest campaign demonstrated, a company announcement about a new ad campaign automatically sets the media wheels in motion.

As Hugo Lauritz Jensen, a Norwegian reporter whose newspaper flew him to Israel just to cover the event noted, even bad publicity is good.

"Even if I write a cynical article about their campaign, that's what they want," Jensen said. "That's what worries me."

Some charge that the combination of clothing and politics reduces serious issues to slogans.

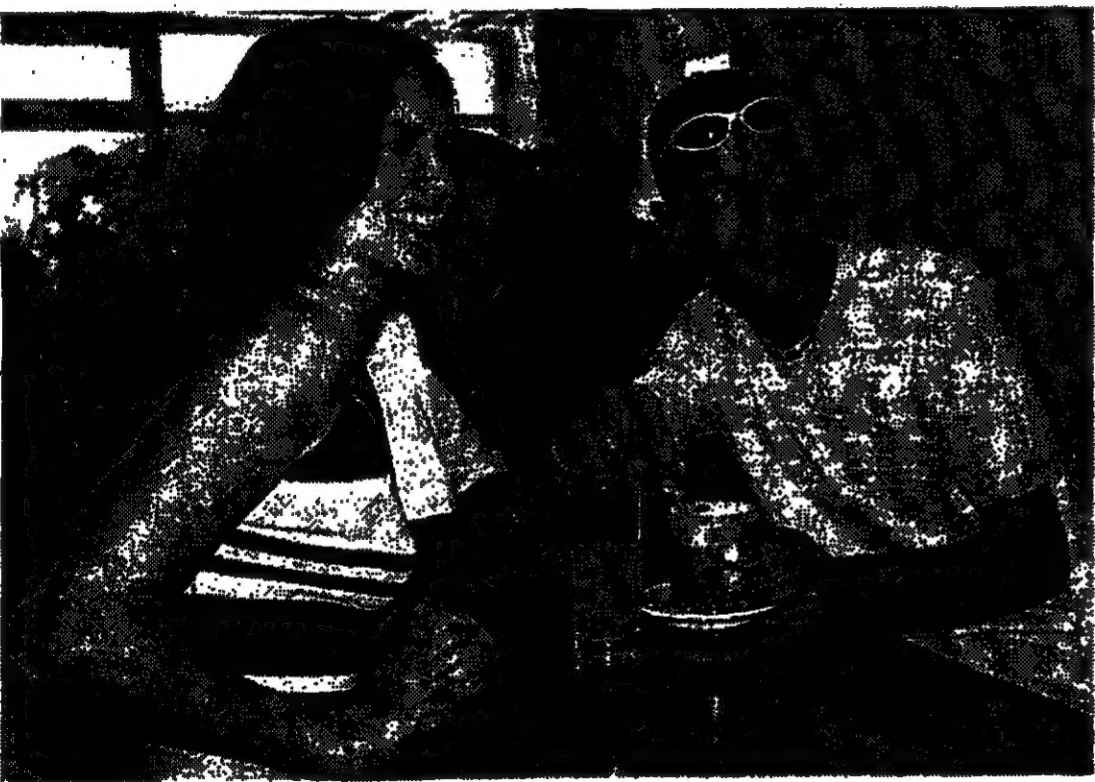
ad campaign that showed an arm tattooed with the words "HIV Positive," a group of French people with AIDS successfully sued the company for defamation.

Toscani defends his campaigns by saying that the United Colors of Benetton campaign is simply a way of using pictures to get people to think in a different way.

"I create images and this is an opportunity to show something. Everything is political anyway. When I look at fashion magazines and I see women in those ridiculous poses, I sometimes wonder if women would rather be smart or beautiful," says Toscani, who

Toscani grew surly. "That's a stupid question," he snapped, employing one of the collection of derogatory adjectives he uses to register disapproval. "That's like saying 'why don't you screw that woman?' I tell you I love my wife and you say, 'so what, how come you don't screw that woman?'"

For their part, the "models" generally seem glad Toscani chose Israel, since it gives them an opportunity to communicate their message to more people than they could ever hope of reaching on their own. Indeed, Benetton plans to distribute more than five million copies of



Naama Mov, Waleed Milisea and Nael Elayan pose for the upcoming Benetton catalog at Jerusalem's trendy Moment Cafe, where they work.

(Debbie Hill)

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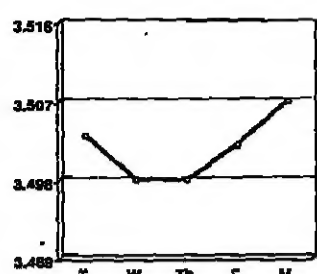
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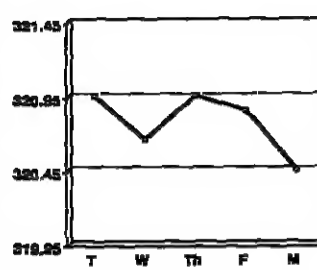
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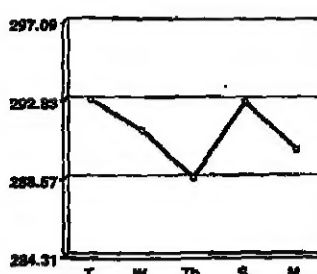


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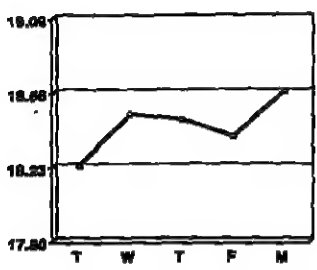


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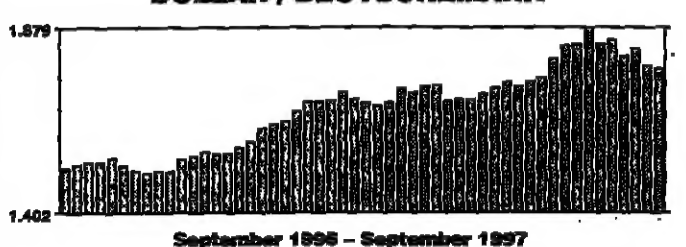


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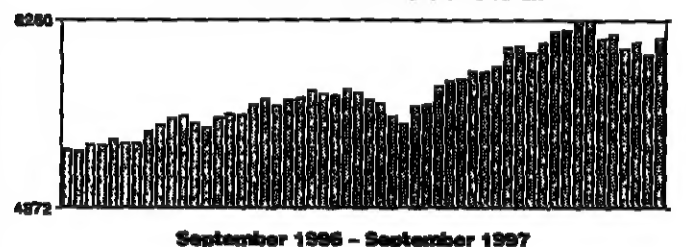
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Cial buys 10% of BVR for \$8.3m.

Cial Industries yesterday announced that it purchased a 10% stake in BVR Technologies Ltd., a Tel Aviv-based developer of simulation and training systems, for \$8.3 million. The purchase reflects Cial Industries' previously stated plans to increase its investment activities in the high-tech sector. Last month Cial Industries announced the purchase of a 25% stake in Ormat Industries and the acquisition of a 10% holding in Sharni Security Investments. BVR said it will use the money to cover research and development costs and to increase its marketing activities. The investment will also help strengthen the company's financial resources in anticipation of a contemplated spin-off, the company said.

Jennifer Friedlin

Industrialists: Investments down 22%

Industrial investments in the first half of the year plummeted 22% to NIS 3.48 billion compared to NIS 4.42b. in the same period one year ago, the Manufacturers Association said yesterday. Investment in the textile sector fell by 31.7%, electronics and electricity investments dropped 29.3% and the investments in stonecutting were down by 39.9%. Investment in the food sector, the only sector to experience an increase, was up 3.1%.

Jennifer Friedlin

Meat Board merging with Dairy Board

The Meat Board has voted itself out of existence, its members agreeing that it should be merged into the Dairy Board, according to a statement from the latter's spokesman, Ronni Hassid. The Meat Board pointed to the need to improve efficiency and reduce expenditure as the reasons for its decision.

David Harris

Plastics fair generates \$25m. in sales

The plastics fair, which ended last week, generated \$25 million in sales, the Israel Trade Fairs & Convention Center said yesterday. Some 30,000 people, including 650 from around the world, attended. About 300 local producers and 50 foreigners showed their wares.

Jennifer Friedlin

Gov't offers Poles reciprocal purchases in return for \$650m. copter-upgrade deal

By Globes Business News and Jerusalem Post Staff

Israel has agreed to make reciprocal purchases in Poland worth 100 percent of the value of the helicopter upgrade deal for the Polish air force, estimated at \$650 million, if the Israeli consortium competing for the deal is awarded the tender, sources in the consortium said.

The consortium is led by Elbit Systems, with the participation of El-Op and Rafael.

The Israeli group won the competition to supply the avionics, night vision systems, and air-to-surface missiles for the helicopters, but the closing of the deal was held up, and in recent months became a matter for discussion at the highest political level in Warsaw.

Elbit said that there is a signed agreement with the Polish defense industry for incorporating the systems, and the helicopter's technologies will entirely consist of Israeli products.

"We are monitoring the results of the Polish elections, and we hope that the Solidarity party, which all the signs indicate will form the next coalition, will not touch the deal, after speaking out

against it before the elections. Transferring discussions on finalizing the deal to the political level was mandatory because of its size.

Opposition leaders in Poland had expressed fear the deal might have been hastily arranged without proper procedures and urged the government not to sign any contracts until after the election.

Israel sought to make certain

that the technologies being given to Poland would not find their way to countries that are problematic from its point of view, consortium sources said.

The New York Times reported on Saturday the American ambassador to Poland dealt Warsaw a sharp rebuke for not granting the deal to Boeing, just two months after Poland was invited to join NATO.

Frenkel leaves rates unchanged

By DAVID HARRIS

There will be no change in the Bank of Israel's key lending rate next month, the central bank announced yesterday.

This widely predicted decision leaves the key rate at 13.4 percent, following the 0.7% increase, which came into effect this month.

The central bank decided not to alter the rate to give the 0.7% increase time to set in. There were calls for the bank to reduce interest rates in October, especially after the particularly low September Consumer Price Index (0.4%).

"The bank doesn't look at one-off months but rather the trend," said a bank official.

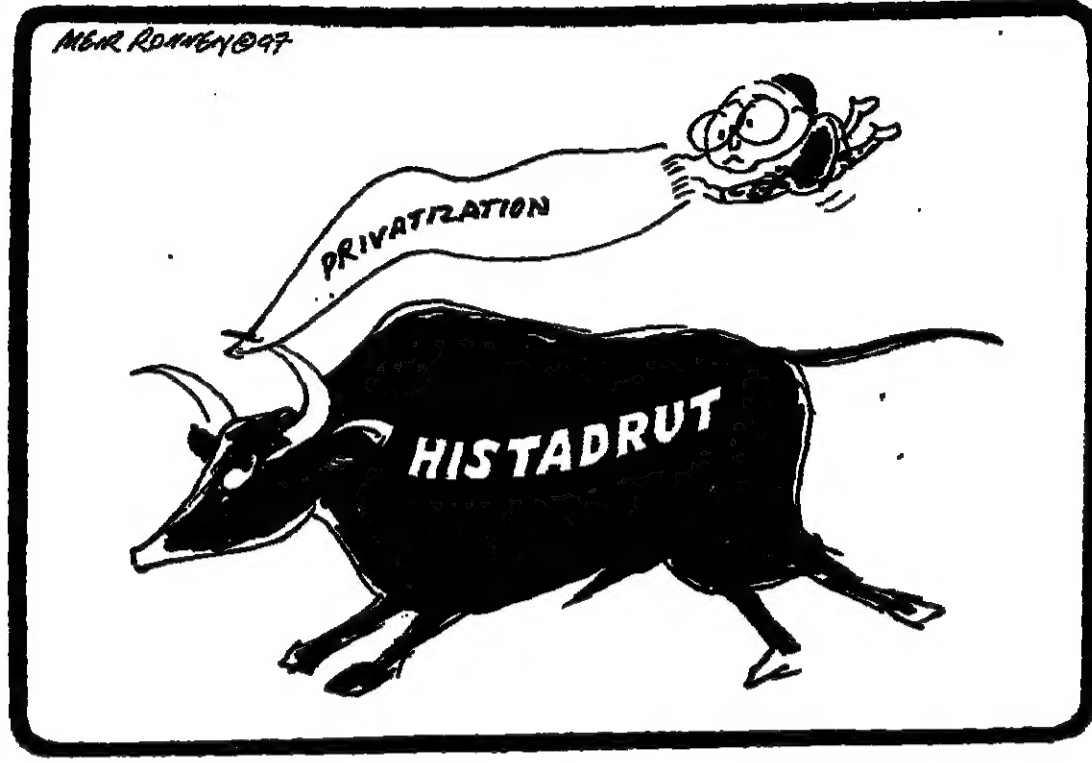
This view was shared by Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel. "In general terms when we set monetary policy we look forward," said Frenkel, speaking from the IMF annual gathering in Hong Kong. "Inflation is still running at the

upper end of the government target band and inflationary expectations likewise are running at the upper end of the government target," pointed out the bank official.

For 1997, the government has set an inflation target of 7%-10%, and for the time being annual inflation is running at 9%-10%. As a result, the government decided not to reduce its 1998 inflation target to 6% to 9%, as the central bank requested, but keep it at the existing level.

Frenkel has urged the government to reconsider this decision in recent weeks, arguing that it will become increasingly difficult to meet the multi-year target of 4% inflation by 2001, if the process is not one of gradual reduction.

The central bank used the publication of the interest rate as an opportunity to call on the Histadrut to show restraint in the upcoming round of wage negotiations, suggesting that higher settlements will lead to spiraling inflation.



Dankner: Dor Energy's ties with Caltex not aimed at Oil Refineries

By DAVID HARRIS

Texas-based Caltex and Dor Energy are not negotiating with a view to jointly purchasing Oil Refineries Ltd., Dankner Group chairman Shmuel Dankner told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. The companies are looking to expand their cooperation in the energy field, but as yet there are no concrete decisions, said Dankner, whose group controls Dor.

"Caltex and we work together in the jet fuel area and are looking to expand our interests in the energy field," he said. However, he strongly denied recent media speculation that the companies are preparing a bid to purchase Oil Refineries Ltd. once the company is ready for privatization.

No approach has been made to Oil Refineries by Caltex or Dor, according to Oil Refineries managing director Moshe Farjoun.

"This is all talk," he said. "There is nothing happening in practice, so this is premature."

Before the issue of Oil Refineries' privatization comes to the fore there are several problems to be solved.

While the company is 74 percent state-owned, the remaining shares are owned by Israel Corporation and the two are currently locked in debate as to the shape of the company's future. While Israel Corporation currently holds the concessions, they revert to the government in October 2003.

There is an ongoing debate as to the composition of the company, with the Treasury favoring its breakup into two smaller companies: one based at the Haifa refinery and the other at Ashdod.

The Treasury's proposal is aimed at creating competition in the refinery industry. "If there will be two compa-



Dankner: Jet fuel is area of cooperation. (Amram Galini)

nies, it's inevitable that one will be closed," said Farjoun. "There isn't a large enough market for two companies, maybe even for one."

Additionally, once privatization becomes a realistic move, Israel Corporation has the first

right of refusal on the government shares in Oil Refineries, causing a further setback to outside companies, including multi-nationals that may wish to purchase the firm.

Caltex and Dor are currently negotiating to jointly supply jet fuel at Israel's airports and are looking at joint ventures abroad.

With regard to Dor's future, Dankner said that, while the company has made tremendous strides in attaining an 18% share of the overall fuel market since its creation in 1988, it still lags behind in the gas station sector of the industry and is now making "strenuous efforts" to raise its profile.

As far as strategic investors are concerned, Dor has not found a suitable candidate, nor is it actively seeking one, said Dankner. While there has been interest, he said, in no case were the conditions suitable for both parties.

Gov't mulls commission cap on credit cards

By DAVID HARRIS

Antitrust Authority director-general David Tadmor said yesterday that Alpha Card's entry into the credit card market may prompt the need for a legal cap on the interchange rate - the commission banks demand from credit card providers.

"When new credit card companies enter the market they cooperate with the competition," to divide the market, said Tadmor. Such "cooperation" in dividing up the market can result in the companies also agreeing to fix higher interchange rates and commission fees charged to the retailers, both of which are ultimately passed on to the consumer.

Alpha Card is expected to begin operating towards the end of the year. If competition causes a jump in the interchange rates, which Tadmor said are already too high, then legislation may be required.

"Let's say a restaurant pays 3% - 4% to the credit card company, then a portion of that amount is paid in an interchange fee to the bank," Tadmor said.

"When new competition enters the market, the interchange amount assumes prime significance, and that interchange amount could be subject to legislation," he said.

Compared to other countries, such as England, Israel's rates are too high and should be "significantly lower," said Tadmor.

MK Eitan Cabel (Labor) previously announced his intention to introduce a proposal to legislate a ceiling of 0.7% on the interchange rate. Retailers pay credit card companies anywhere from 0.75% to 6.5% per transaction.

In the past, several Tsomet and Labor MKs called for a ceiling on the commission credit-card companies can charge merchants. Both the central bank and Treasury oppose this on grounds it would be inflexible, requiring new amendments each time the government wants to change the commission ceiling. Currently, the rate of commission is set on a case-by-case between the credit-card company and its customers.

Visa holds 49% of the credit-card market share and Isracard holds 44%, while Diner's holds a 4% share and American Express has the remaining 3%. Visa controls Diner's Card and Isracard operates American Express's local activities.

Soros, Malaysian PM exchange verbal blows

HONG KONG - As the International Monetary Fund's annual summit opened here Sunday, legendary currency speculator George Soros lashed out at Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, calling him a "menace to his own country," for his personal attacks on Soros and other currency traders and his plans to interfere with currency exchange in Malaysia.

Soros, speaking at an international banking conference here, also said he disagrees with the "prevailing opinion" that the best way for nations to protect themselves against the kind of currency attacks that have hit Southeast Asia is to open their domestic financial sector to international competitors. The United States and the International Monetary Fund have been pushing developing nations to liberalize their financial markets to attract more for-

eign capital. "Foreign financial institutions can play a useful role, because closed financial systems tend to be inefficient, corrupt, and bound up in politics. But foreign capital is notoriously fickle," said Soros, in a speech to officials gathered here for the annual meeting later this week of the IMF and the World Bank.

At a news conference, Soros said that as an investor he prefers open capital markets. As a policy matter, however, he would recommend that developing nations consider limiting the inward flow of foreign funds and that they focus on mobilizing domestic savings. "To have stability, you need some depth in domestic capital markets," he said. The market turmoil in Southeast Asia has dominated discussions at the international banking conference here. Earlier this summer, Mahathir and other Asian officials relentlessly attacked Soros as the cause of the problem. In a speech Saturday to the IMF, Mahathir did not single out Soros by name. Instead, he called currency trading "immoral," and he later told The South China Morning Post, a Hong Kong daily newspaper, that Malaysia intends to sharply limit foreign exchanging dealings.

Soros told reporters he was not the cause of Mahathir's problems, because he was buying the Malaysian currency, the ringgit, not selling it during the period when it was falling in value. During his speech, Soros said: "I have been subjected to all kinds of false and vile accusations by Dr. Mahathir. He is using me as a scapegoat to cover

up his own failures." Soros added that Mahathir could not get away with such behavior if Malaysia had an independent media.

Soros also said that Mahathir's threat this weekend to impose currency trading restrictions "if it were taken seriously, would have a devastating effect on Malaysian markets. But I seriously doubt it will be taken that seriously, because I think the markets will say this is grandstanding."

Although Soros criticized Mahathir's proposal, he also called the "laissez-faire" idea that markets should be left to their own devices "a dangerous idea." "The instability of financial markets can cause serious economic and social dislocations," he said.

Soros said he embraced globalization because it has many benefits. But he said it also was creating problems that governments must begin to address, such as an undue concentration of power and the tendency of capital to avoid countries where employment is heavily taxed, creating unemployment and social problems. (Washington Post)

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By Sandra Sigurdson

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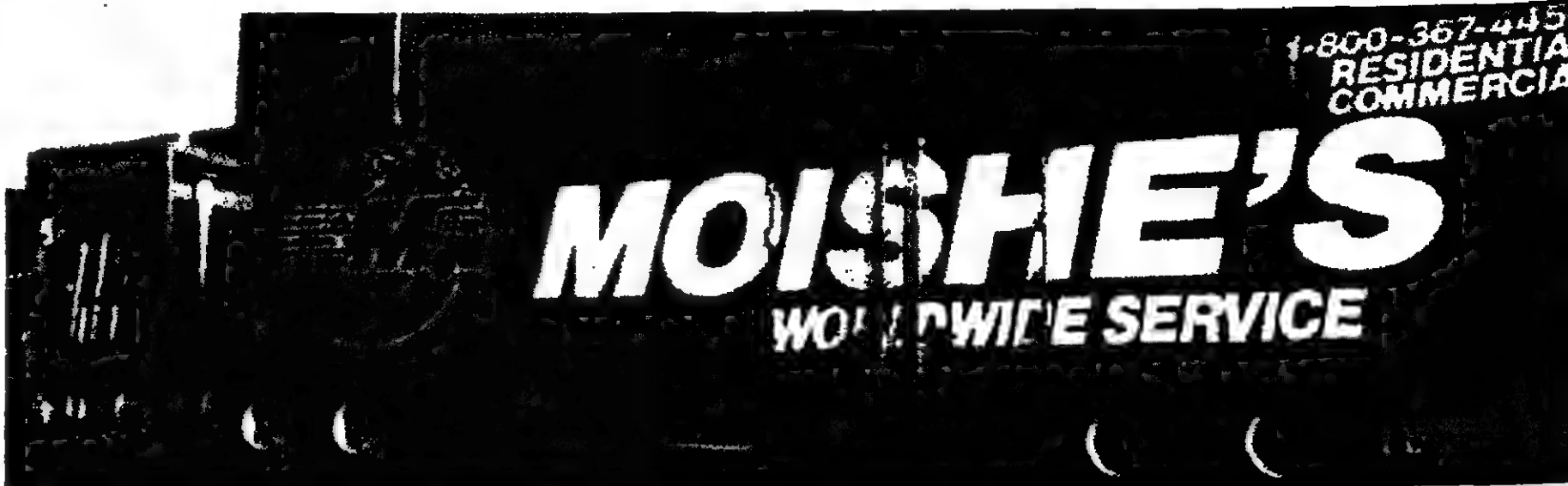
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On the move

Israeli-owned companies dominate the lucrative New York City moving scene, where sabras are finally catching on to the fine art of customer service



By JESSICA STERNBERG

It's 9 on a bright Sunday morning and no fewer than four moving vans are parked in front of a large apartment building on the north side of 106th Street in Manhattan. Two are from Moishe's Movers, one is a Ryder's do-it-yourself 16-foot van and the fourth is an Atlas tractor-trailer. There are approximately 250 moving companies in the greater New York area and about half of them are owned by Israeli entrepreneurs, many of whom immigrated to the moving van-lined streets of New York in the mid- to late '80s. Several of the Israeli moving companies have given the industry a bad name, using cheap prices and lowballing techniques. Old timers from an industry traditionally dominated by the Irish and Italians are being muscled out of business. It's no wonder that a certain amount of resentment has mounted against the aggressive newcomers.

In a New York magazine article about Israelis in New York's moving industry, writer Jeffrey Goldberg told several hellish tales of customers locked in moving trucks, warehouses stuffed with consumers' missing furniture, couches ripped and gouged, and *hazpadi* tip requests.

Aggression is the name of the game, says Avi Shrikli, owner of the downtown Brooklyn-based Galil Moving & Storage Inc., and that's why Israelis are so successful in this muscle-bound, back-breaking business.

"Most Israelis are hustlers who go out to get business," says Shrikli, sitting in his office suite, a dark, messy space located above Galil's 2,700-square-meter storage warehouse in downtown Brooklyn.

They work 12 to 18 hours a day to accomplish their goal while Americans work from nine to five with an hour for lunch.

Shrikli, 32, moved to New York in 1987 after serving as a paratrooper in the army. "I wanted to sow my oats," says the long-haired Shrikli, who lives in Manhattan and spends weekends at his Hampton's summer house.

He worked in a variety of odd jobs until ending up moving furniture for several Israeli-owned companies. After climbing up the ranks of mover, foreman, and sales rep, Shrikli purchased half of Galil for \$40,000 from owner Lisa Levine in 1991. At the time, it was a local outfit, with two small trucks. In the last seven years, it has grown to a 12-truck company, with 12 full-time staff members and about 50 movers. Revenue in 1996 increased to \$1.5 million from \$200,000 in 1987.

Shrikli attributes his success to hard work. "I don't have time to complain. We call each customer after their move to make sure there was no glitch or hitch. [Some] Israelis live for the short run," Shrikli says. "They don't care what customers think about their company, just about making a quick buck. We're different. We're here for the long run."

One of the companies Shrikli alludes to is Moishe's Moving Systems, Inc., a 50-truck fleet and storage company owned by 40-year-old Moishe Mana. Mana is one of the Israelis held responsible for changing New York's moving industry, after several of his former off-the-beat Israeli employees spawned about 20 competing companies, including Sabra's, Jerusalem and Shalom.

When several of those companies became renowned for their relaxed customer service, questionable insurance policies and lowball estimates, Moishe's also joined the hit list, ranking No. 1 on New York's Better Business Bureau complaint roster in January 1993. Since then, Mana and his company have changed, says the BBB.

According to the BBB website, Moishe's has received seven complaints in the last 36 months, and holds a satisfactory rating. Jean LeMay, president of Moishe's, supplied a press packet about the company, but he and Mana were both unavailable for comment.

Galil lost the BBB's highest rating because it failed to respond reasonably to complaints filed against the company. Galil had 13 complaints in the last 36 months, ranging from credit problems to damaged merchandise.

"Listen," says Galil's Shrikli on the negative attitude toward Israelis in the business, "Israelis are rougher, more direct, blunt. We say what we think and therefore we have a long way to go in customer service."

But Galil is not lumped in with other Israeli companies, to the credit, says Shrikli, of Lisa Levine, his American partner. Galil's movers are trained with a customer-service cassette, 38 hours of classroom training and a computer tutorial created and sold by the American Movers Association. Each new mover must go through the training process before he can earn his \$7 to \$12 an hour, "especially if they come from other companies," says Shrikli.

Galil is numbered among the top 10 percent of most popular New York City movers, according to

Shrikli, who is particularly proud of Galil's exclusive contract with Fillmore Real Estate, a Brooklyn-based agency with 27 local offices in Brooklyn, and extensive Manhattan listings. Fillmore customers can purchase an entire relocation package from the agency, which includes using Galil. The exclusive relationship was forged a year and a half ago; now about 40% of Fillmore customers use Galil.

"Moving is all about making sure that the customer is happy with the service," says Shrikli. "It's all about how you move the customer and how the customer feels after the move."

A fellow Israeli and competitor, Sharon Ben-Harosh, owner of FlatRate Moving, would agree. FlatRate was established in 1991, in partnership with Shleppers Moving. The concept is that the customer pays a flat rate for his move, based on a previously set inventory list, calculated with other costs such as supplies and insurance.

Ben-Harosh, who came to New York after finishing his army service in 1988, worked his way up from mover to sales manager at Shleppers and learned that the hourly rate charged to customers was the industry's main problem. "Customers would tell me, 'we want a flat rate,'" he says. "The problem with the moving industry is that you're at the mercy of the company and the movers, and you can end up paying double and having a horrible move."

Ben-Harosh declined to provide the company's revenue, but said that it has been very profitable and places FlatRate on the upper end of New York moving companies. The company began with two trucks, a small staff and an ad

in the Yellow Pages. Six years later, success has kicked in with 20 full-time staffers, six trucks, two tractor-trailers and a brand-new storefront office in the Wall Street area.

The three-month-old Wall Street office is bright, clean and fitted with informational material, packing supplies and on-site salespeople to help walk-in customers access information. "People like the concept," says Yair Hackmi, vice president of sales. "Secretaries come in to arrange their office move, and our easy access makes the move that much easier."

The company does on-site estimates for moves of \$800 and up, sending a sales representative to the customer's home or office at no charge. "We practice quality control," says Hackmi. "We check on the service, adjustments on the flat rate, damages, claims and then we follow through. We send Godiva chocolates, a thank-you note and a 7.5% discount on their next move."

In the past 12 months, Hackmi says, FlatRate has had only two complaints from the New York Better Business Bureau; that's out of 5,000 moves, averaging \$1,000 to \$1,200 a move. According to the BBB website, FlatRate had 10 complaints in the last 36 months.

So why are so many Israelis attracted to the moving industry anyway? "It's really a Catch-22 as an immigrant in this country," Hackmi explains in lightly-accented English. "You arrive in New York, no papers, no money and you need a job. So if you have the choice, you would rather work in an industry where you can find your own kind, your own people. Preferably ones who speak Hebrew."

Masters from Germany

AT THE AUCTIONS

is on offer (\$290,000-\$400,000). A Ravenburg Kandinsky, a flamboyant oil made of a street in Moscow in 1908, is simply to die for (\$1.2m-\$1.6m). To my mind, all the expressionist, high color landscapes Kandinsky made in and around Murnau constitute his most exciting and painterly work.

Not German or painted there but bought by this German collector as late as 1979 is a street scene in Norway by Edvard Munch, an oil from 1913 and

very much in the same fauvist-expressionist spirit as the Macke and Kandinsky. It transforms this dull Norwegian street into something quite magical (\$800,000-\$1.1m).

Another superb Ravenburg item is a high color Fauvist bust of a woman in a green beret, a chef d'oeuvre painted by Alexej von Jawlensky in 1911; an oil on board, it is simply stunning and may well exceed its best estimate (\$640,000-\$950,000). Some of the best Ravenburg pictures were acquired for him by dealer Siegfried Adler.

The least impressive section is a group of German abstractionists from an anonymous private collection.

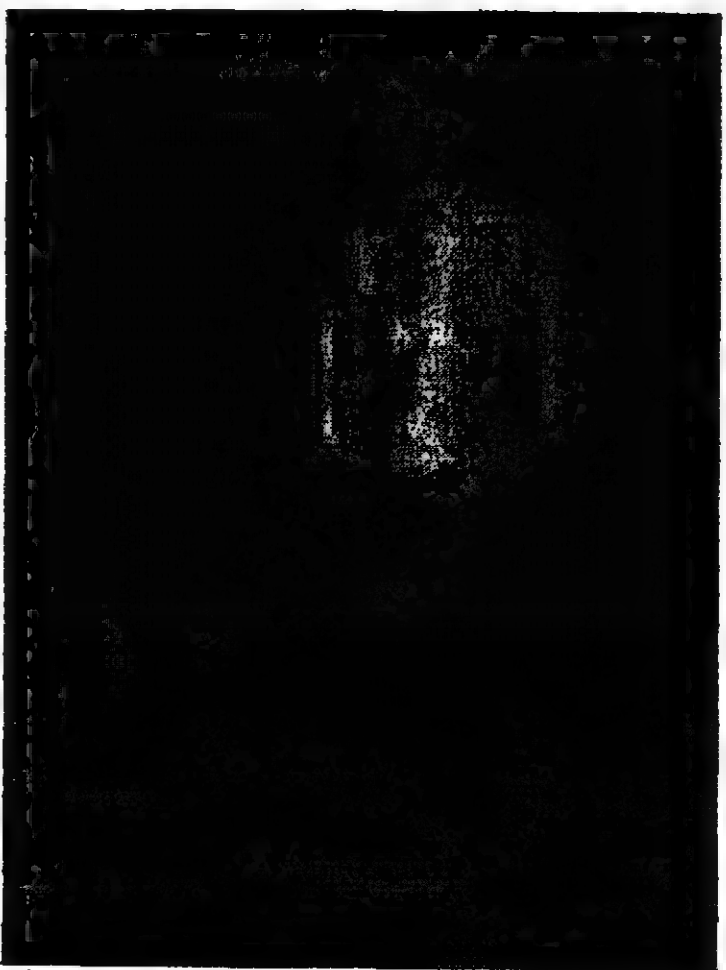
Nevertheless, I can only rap-sodize about this amazing sale, which apart from the above, comprises first-class pictures by Beckmann, Fechtstein, Franz Marc, Rohlf, Nolde, Schleimer, Klimt, Schiele, Kirchner, Munch and Feininger. Order the catalog, it's a must.

CHRISTIE'S rejoiced at its London sale this last weekend of the world's most exclusive private wine cellar, which went for over £5m. A single jeroboam of Mouton-Rothschild 1945 went for £70,000. The oldest bottle on offer was a Chateau d'Yquem from 1847, with a top estimate of £10,000, an expensive risk because of the poor condition of the corks of this early vintage.

SOTHEBY'S International uses its connections with international estate agents to sell estates and properties worldwide. Its latest offers include half a dozen sumptuous villas in Italy, like the Villa Schiesinger, a former home of Ginger Rogers, near Capri. More modest but extensive homes are available at prices not unreasonable by Israeli standards, but they all require the presence of a permanent staff.

Sotheby's also sells vintage cars and its Geneva car sale this month, some from the collection of France's Mimiran brothers (former owners of the Lamborghini sports car company), totaled a handsome £2.2m. For 23 of the 28 vehicles offered, A Rolls-Royce Phantom II, custom designed for its original American owner, set an auction record at £249,710, paid by a Canadian private collector.

A rarity that fetched £207,560 was a 1933 Maybach powered by a huge seven-liter Zeppelin engine. An impeccably restored \$8100 Jaguar fetched £104,530. The Mimiran Lamborghinis and Ferraris from the '60s and '70s went for £1m. I was especially intrigued by the offer of a 1920s fish-tailed Bugatti, similar to the one in which I was unfortunately driven by my father back in 1930-31.



Avigdor Arikha: 'Seated Nude,' oils, 1983 (Ben Ami Auctions, September 27, \$45,000-\$60,000)

BITS & BYTES

WITH JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Aurec wins Korean tender for phone billing system: Aurec Information Services won a Korean tender for an undisclosed sum to supply a customer billing system to Lucky Goldstar Telecom. Lucky Goldstar recently received a license from the Korean government to supply telephone services. Aurec won similar bids to supply systems to companies in the US, South Africa and Australia.

Ben-Gurion University to build largest communications lab in Israel: Ben-Gurion University of the Negev has set up a data communications system that will allow the university to build the largest communications network laboratory in Israel and one of the largest in the world. The network lab, with infrastructure designed to handle all areas of data communications experimentation, was established in order to serve the educational and research needs of researchers and students in the communications systems engineering department.

ECI wins 'International Broadcasting Magazine' award: ECI Telecom received the International Broadcasting Magazine's Transmission System of the Year award. The Hi-TV system was selected for its ability to serve as a gateway between TV and other networks, the magazine said. Based in Petah Tikva, ECI Telecom develops digital telecommunications and data-transmission systems.

IBM to buy \$3million in equipment from BATM: IBM International will make purchases exceeding \$3m. from BATM in 1997 and market them under the IBM brand name. In 1996, IBM's purchases totaled \$2.7m. and accounted for 21 percent of the company's total sales. Due to the increasing demand from IBM for quality data communications, BATM is constructing a new plant.

Mavix supplies Sydney with

\$500,000 rail-management system: Mavix has supplied Sydney with a \$500,000 mass transportation management system. The Mavix system, which is being used to improve Sydney's light rail system in time for the 2000 Olympic games, is a digitalized control system that carries out such functions as site security, passenger security and relays train arrival times to individual stations. The company develops, markets and supports a series of software products that provide solutions for remote traffic management.

RADGuard Crypto Wall to be used by Chrysler, Ford and GM: RADGuard's Crypto Wall, a hardware-based information security product, is being used in a trial intranet project conducted by Chrysler, Ford and General Motors. The companies are developing a private virtual communications network that will be set up for the American automotive industry. Crypto Wall secures private virtual networks. RADGuard is a member of the RAD-Bynet group.

Silicon Graphics enlists local firms in R&D project: Silicon Graphics Israel is enlisting local firms for a massive R&D project to help Silicon Graphics International and Netscape to develop the fastest search engine available for the Internet. Known as Everest, the initiative will reportedly propel search engine technology and related applications into a new technological advancement.

Vertex III, Apex-Leumi and Israel Seed invest \$1m. in Inspectech: The Vertex III Venture Fund, Apex-Leumi and Israel Seed Partners recently announced a \$1m. investment in Inspectech Ltd. for approximately 25% of the company's equity. Inspectech developed an automated inspection system for diagnosing defects caused by the dicing of silicon wafers into chips.

THE CONFERENCE CIRCUIT

By GREEN FAY CASHMAN

23.9 David Evenard, director of international sales and marketing, at the Houston-based BMC Software and Tim Young, BMC's European product manager, will be among the speakers at a seminar on Applications and Data Management organized by Formula Computing Technologies. The seminar will be held at Gan Oranim, Tel Aviv.

24.9 A conference of all veterans and present employees of IBM Israel will be held within the framework of Infotech '97 at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds. IBM has been operating in Israel since 1952. This will be one of nine major conferences conducted during the two-day fair. Proper management of the Internet/Intranet is also on the conference agenda as is the future of the smart card.

24.9 Finance experts from the academic sector, the Treasury, the banking sphere and real estate will discuss optimum opportunities for investing NIS 140 billion at a Capital Markets Seminar to be held at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv. Featured as "The Mountain of Shekels," the event is co-sponsored by Globe Initiatives, the Hebrew University's Center for Management Training, Bank Discount and Union Bank.

25.9 Kfir Hamacabbiah is the proposed but not necessarily the confirmed venue for the College of Management's study day on Money Laundering in Israel. Subjects listed for discussion include: Israeli money laundering abroad, Israel as a haven for laundering money and proposed legislation that would make the laundering of capital illegal. Final details about the venue can be obtained by telephoning (03) 962-6683.

25.9 New budgetary rulings with regard to health funds have created a flurry of confusion in medical circles. Quick to get on the bandwagon of the new controversy, the Israel Management Center has organized a study evening on

Priorities and Allocations in the Basket of Health Services. The event, to be held at the Holiday Inn, Tel Aviv, will be addressed by Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, heads of health funds and medical centers, and Treasury representatives.

28.9 Israel's leading oncologists will participate in a three-day conference on Breast Cancer Detection, which will take place at the Haifa Convention Center. The European Association for Breast-Cancer Scanning is holding its 15th convention, and for the first time has selected Israel as a host country. In Israel some 600 women die annually from breast cancer, and some 2,200 new cases are detected.

29.9 The Research and Development Foundation of the European Union has coordinated an information day at the Brussels Congress Center on the ESPRIT program with particular emphasis on the Israeli Window of Opportunity. Israeli companies interested in making contacts which could lead to strategic partnerships have been invited to make presentations on the activities in which they are involved. ISERD, the EU's local contact, has been advising those Israeli companies that are participating.

29.9 The Israel Economy in 1998 will be deliberated by bankers, academics and captains of industry at a symposium at the Sharon Hotel, Herzliya. Speakers at the event hosted by Ma'ariv Congresses and Bank Leumi will include Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Governor of the Bank of Israel Jacob Frenkel.

7.10 An Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of Israel Resort Hotels (Hachsharut Hayotzhan) will convene at the company's headquarters, 194 Hayarkon Street, Tel Aviv, to decide whether to increase the company's registered share capital by NIS 30 million to be divided as 30million ordinary shares valued at NIS 1 each.

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Ballesteros confident of Ryder Cup win

SOTOGRADE, Spain (AP) — Belying the nerves associated with the most pressure-packed event in golf, European captain Seve Ballesteros presented a calm front yesterday as he expressed confidence in his team's chances of retaining the Ryder Cup.

"When people are nervous it normally means they don't have confidence," said Ballesteros, lifting a glass to show that his hand was not shaking. "This is not my case. Everything is under control, and I have tremendous confidence not just in myself, but in the team as well."

Ballesteros spoke as the European players began arriving to begin practice for the three-day competition starting Friday against the Americans at the Sotograde Golf Club.

The US team, which includes Tiger Woods, is seeking to regain the cup which it lost to the Europeans at Oak Hill in Rochester in 1995.

The event is being held in Spain for the first time, a tribute to Ballesteros's part in expanding the prestige and popularity of the Ryder Cup.

Ballesteros, who had played in every Ryder Cup except one since 1979, said the reality of his new role as captain was sinking in fast. "It was a strange feeling when I went in the locker room," he said. "It's a dream of every player to play in the Ryder Cup but to be captain is very special, a great honor. I feel very lucky."

Ballesteros was pleased to see that Nick Faldo, the Englishman who will be playing in his 11th Ryder Cup, traveled ahead of the rest of the European team to get an early start on practice.

Ballesteros singled out Faldo,



STIFF COMPETITION — Tiger Woods arrives in Spain yesterday with the US Ryder Cup team. (Reuters)

one of his two captain's picks, as the man he would most trust playing the last hole.

"Nick has shown dedication over many years, and it's nice to see he is still so keen," the Spaniard said. "He wants to play well very badly, and I am sure he

will make a tremendous contribution."

"The whole team is very solid," he added. "Seven experienced players and the new energy of five new ones. Everything is very positive. I couldn't have a better team."

Orbach makes world's top 10 list of swimmers

By HEATHER CHAIT

Eytan Orbach has gained a place in the world's top 10 swimmers following his silver medal in the 100 meters backstroke at this year's European Championships. Orbach, at number 10, holds the best ranking ever for an Israeli swimmer.

Yotam Bruck is ranked 14th among the 50m freestyle swimmers and 15th in the 100m freestyle.

A swimmer who does not limit his conquests to the pool is Mickey Halika, newly crowned king of the open seas. Halika swam the 2000m race off Sot Yom in 21:30 minutes, beating Itai Eden by five seconds.

Adi Bichman won the women's event in 22:46. Back to Bruck who chose a visit to the Acropolis to propose to his girlfriend Meirav Eldor. Nuptials are set for next summer.

Handball: A sure start to the handball season as the national team returned from a victory and a draw against Portugal. The games were training for the qualifying round of the European Championships which begin this Thursday with an away game against France. In Portugal, Israel first drew 24-24 and then quelled the home team 24-20.

Outstanding for Israel were Idan Maimon and Dudu Belzer.

Golf: Izzy Rozenberg and Sigi Meites scored an 11 better than par 47 for victory in this week's better ball stableford competition.

Also on 47 but slipping into second place with an inferior back nine were Morris Alhadeff and Shmuelik Futran. Spouses Mimi and Michael Bannister were third with 43 and in fourth place with 42 were Peter Collins and Ilan Shachar.

Jules Cuburnek will confront Hanoeh Reichenberg in the finals of the Eli Kirshner individual match-play competition after Reichenberg beat Malca Gori.

Flying: Eyal Galor is finding it tough coming back to earth. Galor took third place among 73 entrants at the first World Air Games (Air Olympics) in Turkey this week. Galor competed in the free flight glider event. The Israeli team of Itzik Ben Yitzhak, Giora Herzberg and Mazan Kreidler also finished third in the free flight rubber engine model group. 18-year-old Kreidler finished in fourth place in the junior event of the same category.

Orienteering: Criss-crossing the paths of Yair forest over the weekend were more than 200 people in the opening orienteering event of the year. Noam Ravid from ASA Tel Aviv won the route of nine kilometers in 1:05:54 with Daniel

Gutman and Sergei Chirnovsky tied at second place in 1:06:48. Ina Feingold from Ashkelon won the women's six kilometer race in 54:20 and in the under-20 category, Oren Yaniv beat Liron Regbi into second place.

Berkovitz is best: Over 50 years of a nation and one figure reigns supreme in the sports realm — Mickey Berkovitz. Forty-six percent of Channel Two's poll chose national team and Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball player Berkovitz as their sporting hero over the past 50 years with athlete Esther Roth and Yael Arad each receiving 12%. Next was Amos Mansdorf with 9% and Motele Spiegler who captured 7%.

And it was little surprise when Maccabi Tel Aviv was chosen for the team award for their unforgettable 1977 win in the European Championships.

Cycling: The Israel Mountain Bicycling Federation sent three local riders to Belgium last week to compete in the last stage of the seven-day Belgian Cup in Mol. The 500-strong cyclists covered the route through the woods and sand hills with Israeli women's champion Laurie Copans finishing 10th among the 15 women in her race. Also competing were Doron Amiz in the junior section and Andre Myburgh in the masters event.

Betar Jerusalem host Hap. Beersheba tonight

By DEREK FATTAL

The remaining fixture in Round 6 of National League play takes place at Teddy Stadium this evening with current champions Betar Jerusalem taking on State Cup holders Hapoel Beersheba.

The Jerusalemites will be hoping to keep up the winning form that saw them triumph against Brugge in the UEFA Cup on Wednesday after winning away at Rishon the previous weekend.

The Betar faithful will be delighted by the return of their perennial favorite, captain Eli Ohana who missed both those matches. Full back David Amsalem who has been nursing a light injury is also expected to play.

A good result tonight for the visitors from the south could provide a badly needed boost in morale. Hapoel are still reeling from the embarrassing 4-1 home defeat meted out to them by Holland's Roda in the Cup Winners' Cup last Thursday night. Yossi Benayoun is set to play, as is key midfielder Sergei Gossyev.

Despite leading the standings Hapoel Tel Aviv have some domestic problems to sort out. Veteran midfielder Shalom Tikva has been summoned to a disciplinary hearing over comments made in a recent newspaper interview which aroused the fury of coach Eli Cohen. The hearing will take place tomorrow and while the tabloids are seeking to make the most of the affair both Tikva and the club's management are suggesting that the matter has been blown out of all proportion.

Liverpool trounce Villa, 3-0

LIVERPOOL (AP) — Goals in the last 11 minutes by Steve McManaman and Karl Heinz Riedle helped Liverpool to a convincing 3-0 victory over Aston Villa in the Premier League yesterday to move Roy Evans's team up to sixth place in the standings.

After a dull first half at Anfield, Liverpool went ahead in the 54th minute when Michael Owen was brought down by Villa defender Gareth Southgate and Robbie Fowler fired home the penalty.

Eleven minutes from the end, McManaman, who

scored a spectacular equalizing goal for Liverpool in a UEFA Cup game against Celtic last week, produced almost a carbon-copy goal against Villa.

Collecting the ball only 30 yards from his own goal, he raced 50 yards to burst between two defenders and shoot home from the edge of the penalty area.

A minute from time, Owen made a similar burst from midfield and squared the ball to the unmarked Riedle and the German striker side-footed the ball home for the third goal.

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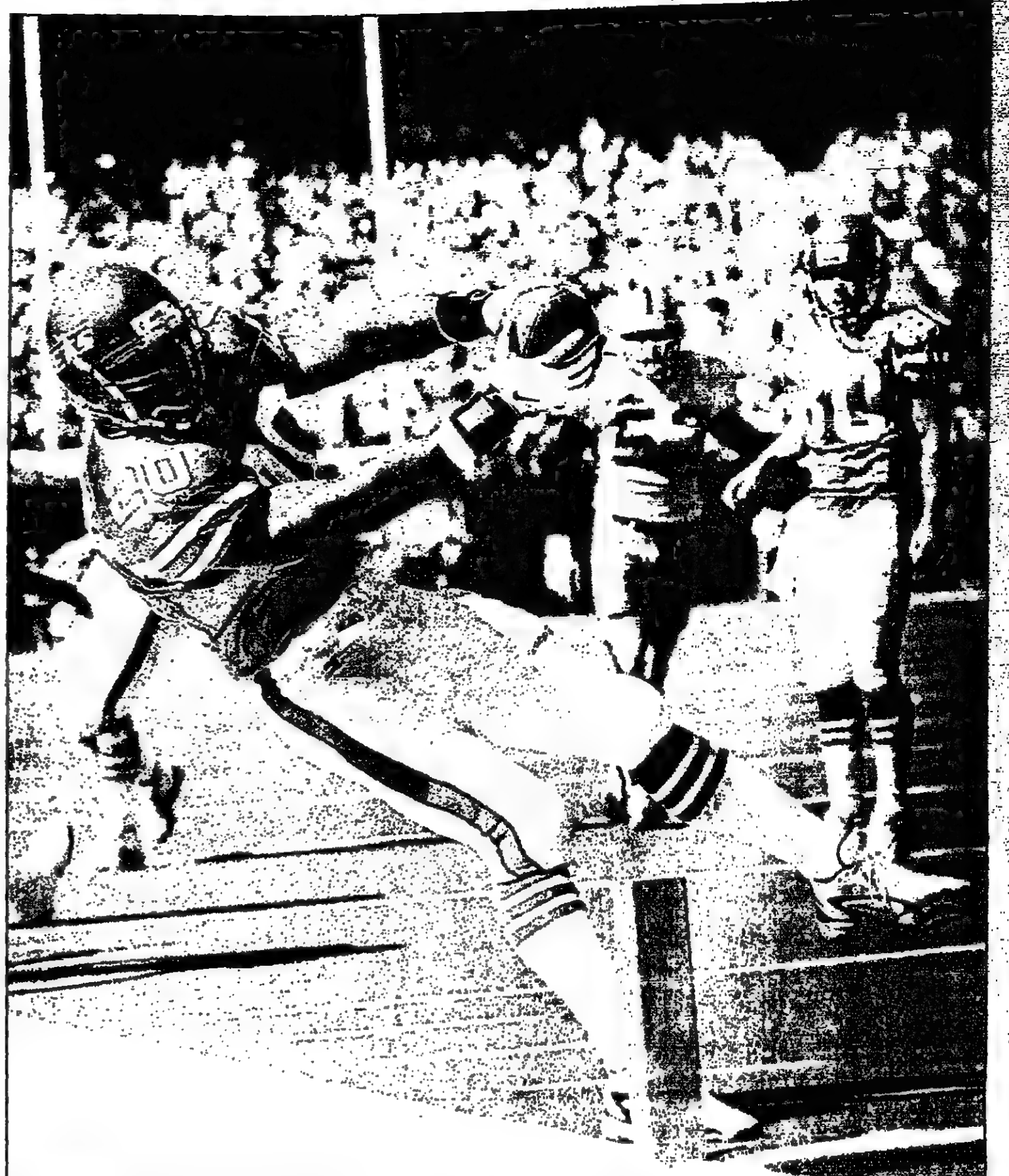
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Bills win in wild comeback

Buffalo overcomes 26-point deficit to beat Indianapolis



TIGHTROPE — Jets FB Richie Anderson tries in vain to stay inbounds and stretch for a TD after a short second-quarter run against Oakland. New York went on to win 23-22.

NEW YORK (AP) — The fantastic finish department at NFL Films will have a busy week.

Buffalo was the star of Sunday's show, expanding the legacy of the 1992 playoffs when the Bills rallied from a 35-3 deficit to beat Houston in overtime.

This time, they came back from 26-0 down to beat Indianapolis 37-35, but only after holding off a last-gasp Colts rally. Buffalo had to stop a 2-point conversion attempt and two desperation passes in the final seconds after the Colts recovered an onside kick.

Green Bay thought it had a divisional game with Minnesota wrapped up with a 31-7 halftime lead and a 38-22 margin going into the fourth quarter as Brett Favre tied a team record with five TD passes. But Brad Johnson led a Vikings rally that made it 38-32 before he was stymied at midfield with less than two minutes left.

"I'd be lying to you if I said I wasn't worried," Favre said. "When we were up 31-7, everyone was kind of coasting. We were talking about what we were going to do this week, where we're playing golf."

The New York Jets took a 13-game home losing streak — one short of tying the NFL record — into their game with Oakland. But they won 23-22 as the Raiders missed an extra point and four field-goal attempts, one that would have won the game in the final minutes and another that was blocked and returned 72 yards for a touchdown by Ray Mickens.

And in Seattle, Steve Broussard leaped into the end zone from 1 yard out with 1:22 to go to give the Seahawks (2-2) a 26-22 victory. It capped an 80-yard, 10-play drive that took nearly four minutes.

Bills 37, Colts 35

Buffalo's 1992 playoff comeback was the greatest in NFL history, and Sunday's game ranks No. 3 behind a rally from a 28-point deficit by San Francisco over New Orleans in 1980.

"This was a tremendous win for our team and for our ego," said rookie Antwan Smith, who led the rally. "Coming back from 26 points down was a little scary. We can't spot teams 26 points and expect to come back like we did."

Smith rushed for 129 yards and three touchdowns, including a 54-yarder that made it 37-29 and appeared to seal the victory with 1:14 left.

But Indianapolis (0-4) moved 80 yards and made it 37-35 when backup quarterback Paul Justin, playing for a groggy Jim Harbaugh, hit Marvin Harrison with a 2-yard touchdown pass with 14 seconds left.

Harbaugh left the game during that drive when he was hit late, giving the Colts 15 extra yards for the penalty on a pass completion.

But Kurt Schuler stepped in front of Justin's pass for Harrison on the 2-point conversion, preserving the win for the Bills. It appeared Schuler held Harrison on the play, but no penalty was called.

"We created something in here today," defensive end Phil Hansen said. "We kept plugging away and had the attitude that we knew we could win. It was very important."

Packers 38, Vikings 32

Green Bay (3-1) won its 21st straight at Lambeau Field as Favre threw two scoring passes to Antonio Freeman and one each to Robert Brooks, Terry Mickens and Mark Chumura.

That broke Bart Starr's Green Bay record of 152 in a span of 16 seasons. Favre has 156 in just five-plus seasons with the Packers.

Jets 23, Raiders 22

Oakland (1-3) appeared headed for another victory as Jeff George

threw for 374 yards and three touchdowns, beating cornerback Otis Smith on each. Tim Brown had 10 catches for 153 yards and James Jetts caught five passes for 148 yards.

But Cole Ford missed field goals of 44, 27 and 47 yards, botched an extra point and had the crucial block by Corwin Brown that Mickens took all the way for the go-ahead points.

"It was a low snap and a low kick," Raiders coach Joe Bugel said of the decisive block.

Seahawks 26, Chargers 22

Seattle had only two yards rushing at halftime, but Broussard ran for 72 yards on 11 carries in the second half, keying the rally for the Seahawks (2-2). John Carney kicked five field goals for San Diego (1-3).

Saints 35, Lions 17

At the Superdome, Mario Bates ran for 162 yards and two touchdowns and passed for another on a halfback option as the Saints won their first game under Mike Ditka, who berated the team as it started 0-3.

The Saints had lost 12 straight September games, but last

week's trade by Ditka seemed to work. Heath Shuler, who had thrown eight interceptions without a touchdown, was 15-for-21 for 202 yards and a TD against Detroit (2-2).

Wayne Martin had four of the five sacks for the Saints, who did not turn the ball over after having 19 in their three losses.

Bucs 31, Dolphins 21

Tampa Bay improved to a 4-0 record for the first time since 1979 as Trent Dilfer threw for 248 yards and a career-high four touchdowns against Miami.

Dilfer had a pair of short TD passes to Mike Alstott, a 38-yarder to Reidel Anthony and a 58-yard screen pass to Warrick Dunn, which was more than enough to keep the Buccaneers the only unbeaten team in the NFC.

Patriots 31, Bears 3

In Foxboro, Drew Bledsoe threw two touchdown passes for New England (4-0), and Curtis Martin had a 70-yard TD run.

Bledsoe threw for TDs of 7 yards to Vincent Brisby and 52 yards to Troy Brown, giving him 12 in four games. Rick Mirer started his first game for Chicago

(0-4), but couldn't get the offense going.

Broncos 38, Bengals 20

Terrell Davis' club-record 215 yards included a 50-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter that gave the Broncos (4-0) a 28-20 lead.

The Bengals (1-2) tied the score on Ki-Jana Carter's 79-yard touchdown run early in the second half. Carter finished with 104 yards, the first 100-yard rushing game for a Bengals back in 168 games.

Ravens 36, Oilers 10

The Ravens, 0-8 away from Baltimore in their first season, won their second straight road game before just 17,737 in the Liberty Bowl.

Vinny Testaverde threw for 318 yards and three touchdowns for Baltimore (3-1). Matt Stover added four field goals, and the defense shut down the Oilers (1-3), pressuring Steve McNair and containing Eddie George.

Chiefs 35, Panthers 14

Elvis Grbac threw for three touchdowns for the Chiefs, who scored the most points against the Panthers in their three-year history.

Kansas City (3-1) had four interceptions against Kerry Collins, in his second game after returning from a broken jaw. It was the second loss in a row at Ericsson Stadium for Carolina, which was 9-0 there last season.

49ers 34, Falcons 7

Steve Young had touchdown passes to Terrell Owens and J.J. Stokes, and Terry Kirby ran for two scores for the 49ers (3-1), who have outscored the Falcons (0-4) 257-95 in the last six games they've played in San Francisco.

The 49ers built a 24-0 halftime lead, with San Francisco's defense forcing punts on six of Atlanta's seven possessions in that span.

Rams 13, Giants 3

Two field goals by Jeff Wilkins and a late 4-yard touchdown run by Craig Heyward were just enough for the Rams (2-2).

The field goals would have been enough for the St. Louis defense, which sacked Giants quarterback Dave Brown four times and harassed him all afternoon.

Arizona, Dallas, Philadelphia and Washington had open dates.

Last night, Pittsburgh was at Jacksonville.

Minnesota 7 0 15 10—32
Green Bay 7 24 7 0—38
First Quarter: Min—A. Smith 1 run (Davis kick), 7:24. GB—Brooks 19 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 3:26. Second Quarter: GB—Freeman 28 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 10:51. GB—Freeman 15 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 13:30. GB—Mickens 2 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 1:59. GB—FG Longwell 34, 3:01. Third Quarter: Min—Carter 3 pass from Johnson (Davis kick), 11:53. Min—Reed 7 pass from Johnson (Davis run), 10:20. GB—Cunha 2 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 4:41. Fourth Quarter: Min—FG Davis 31, 14:12. Min—Reed 27 pass from Johnson (Davis kick), 6:44. A—60, 11:5. **RUSHING**—Minnesota, A. Smith 28-132, Johnson 3-33, C. Evans 5-17, Green 1-3, Green Bay, Levens 17-79, Favre 4-10, Henderson 1-4. **PASSING**—Minnesota, Johnson 19-34-2-27, Green Bay, Favre 16-31-2-26. **RECEIVING**—Minnesota, Reed 9-119, Carter 5-32, A. Smith 4-38, G. Davis 31, Green Bay, Freeman 7-122, Brooks 5-92, Levens 2-22, Henderson 1-21, Hayes 1-5, Cunha 1-2, Mickens 1-2. **MISSED FIELD GOALS**—Minnesota, Davis 22 (WR).

Chicago 0 0 3 0—3
New England 7 7 0 17—31
First Quarter: NE—Brady 7 pass from Bledsoe (Vannatter kick), 8:39. Second Quarter: NE—Brown 52 pass from Bledsoe (Vannatter kick), 1:35. Third Quarter: NE—FG Braggs 34, 5:30. Fourth Quarter: NE—FG Vannatter 27, 14:06. NE—Maurice 70 run (Vannatter kick), 7:16. NE—Maurice 20 pass from Zatk (Vannatter kick), 1:02. A—59, 8:13. **RUSHING**—Chicago, Harris 21-43, Miller 2-13, Azary 1-3, New England, Harris 14-79, Grier 4-10, Byers 1-1, Gask 1-(minus 1), Meggs 1-(minus 2). **PASSING**—Chicago, Miller 17-25-2-154, New England, Bledsoe 24-37-1-301, Zatk 3-3-0-33. **RECEIVING**—Chicago, Engstrom 5-47, Westgate 3-46, Penn 3-30, Harris 3-17, Frazier 1-4, Jennings 1-5, Carter 1-1, New England, Brown 6-124, Carter 4-41, Johnson 5-55, Brady 3-19, Harris 3-18, Gask 2-13, Frazier 1-20, Byers 1-4. **MISSED FIELD GOALS**—None.

Detroit 0 7 0 10—17
New Orleans 0 21 7 35
Second Quarter: NO—Hastings 21 pass from Bates (Brien kick), 13:38. NO—Bates 74 run (Brien kick), 11:17. NO—Hobbs 20 pass from Shuler (Brien kick), 4:22. One—Sanders 17 pass from Mitchell (Hansen kick), 5:59. Third Quarter: NO—Shuler 5 run (Brien kick), 8:22. Fourth Quarter: Det—FG Hanson 47, 14:56. NO—Bates 3 run (Brien kick), 5:47. Det—Hobbs 5 pass from Mitchell (Hansen kick), 3:48. A—50, 6:14. **RUSHING**—Detroit, Sanders 18-113, Vardell 1-5, New Orleans, Bates 29-162, Shuler 3-4, L. Davis 4-4. **PASSING**—Detroit, Mitchell 24-43-3-253, New Orleans, Shuler 15-31-0-202, Bates 1-1-0-31. **RECEIVING**—Detroit, Moore 11-111, Morton 5-72, Metzke 3-15, Chappell 2-23, Sanders 1-17, Lloyd 1-15, Vardell 1-1, New Orleans, Hastings 5-74, HBI 4-34, Gifford 3-43, Zeller 2-27, Farguhar 1-23, Hobbs 1-20. **MISSED FIELD GOALS**—New Orleans, Brien 49 (NR), 48 (NR).

Baltimore 3 17 3 13—36
Tennessee 7 3 0 0—10
First Quarter: Bal—FG Stover 28, 10:09. Ten—Wright 24 pass from McCall (Del Greco kick), 4:01. Second Quarter: Bal—Alexander 25 pass from Testaverde (Stover kick), 12:00. Bal—Alexander 5 pass from Testaverde (Stover kick), 4:16. Ten—FG Del Greco 45, 1:52. Bal—FG Stover 41, 5:00. Third Quarter: Bal—FG Stover 49, 4:48. Fourth Quarter: Bal—Lewis 16 pass from Testaverde (Stover kick), 10:57. Bal—FG Stover 34, 7:49. Bal—FG Stover 36, 2:07. A—17, 7:37. **RUSHING**—Baltimore, Graham 9-51, Byner 16-30, Testaverde 3-8. Tennessee, George 10-40, McCall 4-36, L. Thomas 2-8, Harrison 1-7, Ritchey 1-4. **PASSING**—Baltimore, Testaverde 23-37-0-318, Tennessee, McCall 23-33-1-199, Ritchey 2-1-0-15. **RECEIVING**—Baltimore, Lewis 8-124, Alexander 5-64, Jackson 4-73, Kinchen 4-38, Byner 2-17, Tennessee, Davis 4-42, Sanders 2-16, Hanson 4-33, Wright 3-55, Russell 3-15, Ross 2-26, Hanson 1-8, George 1-3. **MISSED FIELD GOALS**—Baltimore, Stover 46 (WR), Tennessee, Del Greco 41 (WR).

Oakland 6 16 0 0—22
NY Jets 3 7 6 7—31
First Quarter: Oak—Jett 54 pass from George (kick failed), 3:22. NY—FG Hall 34, 1:14. Second Quarter: Oak—Brown 29 pass from George (pass failed), 11:31. NY—Murrell 4 run (Hall kick), 9:28. Oak—Jett 11 pass from George (Ford kick), 5:32. Oak—FG Ford 43, 2:14. Third Quarter: NY—FG Hall 47, 10:58. NY—FG Hall 26, 5:55. Fourth Quarter: NY—Mickens 72 return blocked field goal (Hall kick), 12:51. A—72, 5:06. **RUSHING**—Oakland, Kaufman 27-126, Aika 1-3, New York, Murrell 15-68, O'Donnell 4-10, L. Johnson 1-10, A. Anderson 1-(minus 5). **PASSING**—Oakland, George 24-38-0-374, New York, O'Donnell 17-32-0-198, Hansen 1-1-28. **RECEIVING**—Oakland, T. Brown 10-153, Jett 5-148, Kaufman 5-32, Sheld 3-26, Williams 2-16, Dudley 1-5, New York, Charles 4-48, Anderson 4-37, Murrell 4-21, Graham 2-54, L. Johnson 2-22, Brown 1-26, Brady 1-16. **MISSED FIELD GOALS**—Oakland, Ford 44 (WR), 47 (WR), 27 (WR), 35 (NL).

Kansas City 7 7 7 14—35
Carolina 0 7 0 7—24
First Quarter: KC—Anderson 55 pass from Grbac (Soyanovich kick), 3:38. Second Quarter: KC—Brown 18 pass from Grbac (Soyanovich kick), 9:32. Car—Lane 8 run (Kasay kick), 3:59. Third Quarter: KC—Anderson 8 run (Soyanovich kick), 6:32. Fourth Quarter: KC—Richardson 3 pass from Grbac (Soyanovich kick), 14:19. KC—McClain 42 interception return (Soyanovich kick), 13:42. Car—Walls 19 pass from Collins (Kasay kick), 5:44. A—47, 4:02. **RUSHING**—Kansas City, Anderson 7-42, Bennett 8-32, Allen 9-31, Grbac 2-7, Hill 8-5, Carolina, Johnson 11-39, Blackshear 5-28, Lane 6-21, Collins 1-3, Walter 1-(minus 5). **PASSING**—Kansas City, Grbac 16-29-1-224, Carolina, Collins 24-41-3-328. **RECEIVING**—Kansas City, Brown 4-49, Anderson 4-44, Brown 3-50, Walter 1-22, Hill 1-4, Richardson 1-3, Carolina, Carroty 8-110, Greene 5-57, Johnson 4-48, Carrier 3-59, Mills 2-23, Walls 1-19, L. Smith 1-12. **MISSED FIELD GOALS**—Carolina, Kasay 53 (WR), 54 (WR).

San Diego 0 16 0 6—22
Seattle 3 10 0 13—26
First Quarter: Sea—FG Peterson 41, 10:12. Second Quarter: SD—FG Carney 22, 14:55. SD—Harrison 15 interception return (Carney kick), 13:37. SD—FG Carney 27, 7:10. Sea—Strong 5 pass from Moon (Peterson kick), 3:18. Sea—FG Peterson 37, 1:58. SD—FG Carney 24, 1:11. Fourth Quarter: SD—FG Carney 41, 13:50. Sea—Galloway 33 pass from Moon (Peterson kick), 13:01. SD—FG Carney 41, 5:21. Sea—Broussard 1 run (conversion failed), 1:22. A—51, 1:10. **RUSHING**—San Diego, Brown 16-46, Payton 8-51, C. Jones 1-11, Gaudin 2-15, Humphries 2-2, Seattle, Broussard 11-72, Warren 9-31, Smith 4-1, Moon 3-(minus 2). **PASSING**—San Diego, Humphries 25-46-3-229, Seattle, Payton 17-34-2-253. **RECEIVING**—San Diego, Martin 5-42, E. Jones 5-40, Brown 5-34, C. Jones 4-42, Hardy 2-21, Payton 2-7, Payton 1-7, Metcalf 1-4. Seattle, Priestard 7-83, Galloway 5-104, Davis 2-48, Smith 1-4, Strong 1-5, Warren 1-5. **MISSED FIELD GOALS**—None.

Atlanta 0 0 7 0—7
San Francisco 3 21 7 3—34
First Quarter: SF—FG Anderson 12, 10:16. Second Quarter: SF—Stokes 10 pass from Young (Anderson kick), 8:43. SF—Kerry 1 run (Anderson kick), 5:13. SF—Owens 56 pass from Young (Anderson kick), 3:39. Third Quarter: SF—Kerry 15 run (Anderson kick),

9:59. Aik—Emanuel 16 pass from Tulliver (Anderson kick), 1:52. Fourth Quarter: SF—FG Anderson 32, 2:34. A—60, 4:04. **RUSHING**—Atlanta, J. Anderson 16-46, Mathis 1-4, Green 5-3, Hanesford 5-1, Grazzini 1-1, Christian 1-8, San Francisco, Nease 10-33, Kerry 4-21, Floyd 4-20, Druckenmiller 2-(minus 3). **PASSING**—Atlanta, Tulliver 18-32-1-167, Grazzini 3-5-0-17. San Francisco, Young 11-24-0-336, Druckenmiller 2-7-0-32. **RECEIVING**—Atlanta, Emanuel 6-42, Mathis 4-35, Green 4-13, Santiago 2-27, J. Anderson 2-10, Kinchen 1-28, Christian 1-4, West 1-3, San Francisco, Floyd 7-85, Stokes 3-77, Owens 2-41, Nease 2-83, Jones 2-19, Owens 1-54, Edwards 1-7. **MISSED FIELD GOALS**—None.

NY Giants 0 0 0 3—3
St. Louis 0 6 0 7—13
Second Quarter: St—FG Wilkins 23, 9:27. St—FG Wilkins 21, 2:33. Fourth Quarter: NY—FG Dalton 47, 13:26. St—Hoyward 4 run (Wilkins kick), 2:42. A—64, 6:42. **RUSHING**—New York, Way 7-25, Wheatley 6-10, Brown 2-4, Barber 9-4, St. Louis, Phillips 23-72, Banks 5-11, Hayward 2-5, Len 2-4. **PASSING**—New York, Brown 16-31-1-163, E. Smith 2-4-0, St. Louis, Banks 15-35-0-176. **RECEIVING**—New York, Way 6-49, Galloway 4-53, Barber 3-15, Alexander 1-15, Wheatley 1-4, Cross 1-5, St. Louis, Conwell 4-24, Lee 3-58, Kitchens 3-28, Smith 2-47, Nease 1-14, Laing 1-7, Phillips 1-(minus 4). **MISSED FIELD GOALS**—Dalton 54 (WR), 42 (WR).

Indianapolis 14 12 0 9—35
Buffalo 0 10 6 21—37
First Quarter: Ind—Bailey 10 pass from Harbaugh (Blanchard kick), 10:53. Ind—Faust 10 run (Blanchard kick), 2:35. Second Quarter: Ind—FG Blanchard 39, 14:44. Ind—FG Blanchard 34, 10:47. Ind—FG Blanchard 49, 8:46. Ind—FG Blanchard 22, 5:59. Buf—Collins 16 pass to Johnson (Christie kick), 2:12. Buf—FG Christie 26, 8:30. Third Quarter: Buf—A. Smith 15 run (run failed), 3:26. Fourth Quarter: Ind—FG Blanchard 15, 10:11. Ind—Early 4 pass from Collins (Christie kick), 6:25. Buf—A. Smith 1 run (Christie kick), 4:43. Buf—A. Smith 54 run (Christie kick), 1:14. Ind—Harrison 2 pass from Justin (pass failed), 1:14. A—55, 3:40. **RUSHING**—Indianapolis, Faust 10-77, Crockett 10-33, Harbaugh 3-15, Bailey 1-(minus 1), Buffalo, A. Smith 12-129, Thomas 7-22, Collins 4-12. **PASSING**—Indianapolis, Harbaugh 16-31-0-191, Justin 3-4-1-23, Buffalo, Collins 23-31-1-275. **RECEIVING**—Indianapolis, Bailey 7-96, Harrison 6-60, Faust 3-8, Dwyer 2-34, Pollard 1-4, Buffalo, Reed 7-91, Thomas 5-44, Early 4-76, A. Smith 3-32, Johnson 2-25, Blumstein 1-7. **MISSED FIELD GOALS**—None.

Cincinnati 7 0 10 3—20
Denver 0 14 7 17—38
First Quarter: Cin—McGee 7 pass from Blake (Petry kick), 3:01. Second Quarter: Den—McGaffey 32 pass from Eway (Eam kick), 11:04. Den—R. Smith 1 pass from Eway (Eam kick), 2:5. Third Quarter: Cin—Carter 79 run (Petry kick), 14:30. Cin—FG Petry 38, 8:24. Den—A. Smith 18 pass from Eway (Eam kick), 2:33. Fourth Quarter: Cin—FG Petry 43, 13:30. Den—Davis 50 run (Eam kick), 11:13. Den—FG Eam 25, 3:26. Den—Williams 49 fumble recovery, 5:57 (Eam kick), A—73, 6:11. **RUSHING**—Cincinnati, Carter 13-104, Wilson 5-58, Blake 4-39, Winesey 3-4, Denver, Davis 27-215, Eway 1-5, Hebron 1-2. **PASSING**—Cincinnati, Blake 20-38-0-220, Denver, Eway 14-26-1-62. **RECEIVING**—Cincinnati, Pickett 8-125, Dillon 4-30, Dunn 2-39, Scott 2-24, McGee 1-7, Battaglia 1-(minus 1), Carter 1-(minus 3), Hill 1-(minus 1), Denver, R. Smith 7-82, McGaffey 4-42, Davis 2-13, Sharpe 1-5. **MISSED FIELD GOALS**—Cincinnati, Petry 56 (WR).

Miami 0 7 0 14—21
Tampa Bay 7 7 10 7—31
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| Miami | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 71 | 77 |
| NY Jets | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 110 | 80 |
| Indianapolis | 0 | 4 | 0 | .000 | 54 | 115 |
| Central | | | | | | |
| Jacksonville | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 68 | 40 |
| Baltimore | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 110 | 71 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 21 | 50 |
| Cincinnati | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 54 | 82 |
| Tennessee | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 47 | 73 |
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| San Francisco | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 80 | 76 |
| Seattle | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 74 | 101 |
| Oakland | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 106 | 106 |
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| Washington | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 56 | 57 |
| Arizona | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 59 | 65 |
| Philadelphia | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 47 | 61 |
| NY Giants | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 70 | 94 |
| Central | | | | | | |
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 96 | 50 |
| Green Bay | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 108 | 84 |
| Detroit | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 94 | 83 |
| Minnesota | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 107 | 103 |
| Chicago | 0 | 4 | 0 | .000 | 50 | 128 |
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| St. Louis | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 57 | 77 |
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| British Columbia | 7 | 4 | 0 | .643 | 357 | 347 |
| Calgary | 7 | 4 | 0 | .643 | 353 | 309 |
| San Francisco | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 298 | 341 |

GRAPEVINE

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Much ado about Dudu

The hype surrounding the marriage of entertainer Dudu Topaz was incredible, considering that it was his second time around. It is interesting, though, that on both occasions he chose a bride of Moroccan background. Topaz himself is of Polish parentage.

While print and electronic media people jostled at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on the Dead Sea to bring details of the romantic wedding to readers and viewers, the only print media representatives permitted to attend the ceremony atop Masada were those from *Yedioth Aharonot*, with whom Topaz had reportedly signed an exclusivity deal.

One *Ma'ariv* reporter, Liora Hachohen, was more than ordinarily upset by this turn of events — understandably, considering that she had been the one to break the story in the first place. It wasn't the reward she expected for her scoop. But rather than lick her wounds in resentful silence, the resourceful Hachohen slipped a camera to one of the people who did attend the ceremony — which resulted in a perfect photo of the bride couple on *Ma'ariv's* Friday morning front page. Topaz, who apparently realized that he'd goofed, apologized to Hachohen at the reception, and gave her a hug.

The first of the guests to arrive at the hotel from Masada was deputy defense minister Silvan Shalom, an avid soccer fan. He continued on to Beersheba to watch the match between Hapoel Beersheba and Roda JC of Holland. He returned halfway through the reception but proved far less energetic on the dance floor than his wife, Judy Shalom Nir Mozes.

Several of the guests didn't realize they had been invited to a wedding. They thought they were coming to celebrate the groom's birthday.

Said fellow entertainer Dudu Dotan, who shares a September 20 birth date with Topaz: "From now on, I'll know that September means birthdays and wedding anniversaries." In fact, two of Topaz's childhood friends, Meni Pe'er and Yigal Shilon, are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversaries this week. Pe'er recalled that when they were "teenagers named Goldenberg, Bauer and Shulkes, they dreamed of becoming famous, but never really believed it would happen. Topaz still doesn't believe it," he said. He's never been able to

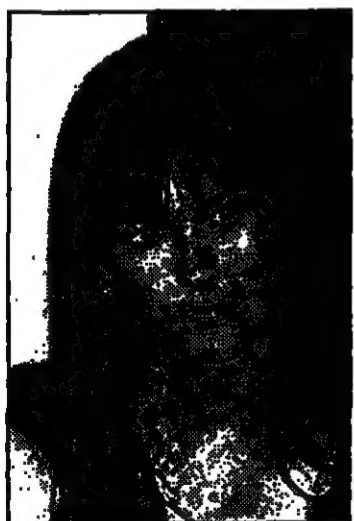
keynote speaker at the Foreign Press Association's 40th anniversary ball at the Laronne Hotel, Jerusalem. Peres was the first Israeli official invited to speak to the FPA at its inaugural dinner in 1957. Director-general of the Defense Ministry at the time, he was popularly referred to as "Mr. Mirage" because he had been responsible for the delivery of Mirage planes to Israel.

JERUSALEM mayor Ehud Olmert turned up for the FPA's cocktail reception, but it was his younger brother Yossi who stayed for dinner. In his previous capacity as director of the Government Press Office, Yossi Olmert was in very close contact with FPA members. Peres, among the first to arrive at the reception, mingled easily with the other guests as they flocked in. Observing the scene, Richard Scorza, spokesman for the US embassy, marveled at Peres's accessibility. While his bodyguard protects him well, he allows Peres to participate in the real world.

WHEN Yitzhak Shamir was prime minister, he seldom saw eye to eye with State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat. One of the things they do have in common, however, is a liking for Yiddish theater. Both were in attendance at the 10th anniversary celebration of Yiddishspiel, which presented a stage adaptation of Shalom Aleichem's novel *Sander Blank and His Heirs*. Other Yiddish lovers in the audience included former Supreme Court justice Moshe Bejski, former finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i, artist Moshe Bernstein, actor Yankel Sira and National Religious Party MK Shmuel Yehalom. Also present was the Polish ambassador, Wojciech Adamiecki. At the end of the show the cast threw their floral tributes into the auditorium, where eager fans temporarily stopped applauding to snatch them up.

A PRIME concern of Elana Rozenman, whose son Noam was injured in the Ben-Yehuda Mall bombing and is likely to be hospitalized for several months, is making Jerusalem safe for all children, irrespective of creed, color or ethnic affiliation.

A women's solidarity meeting which Rozenman called in the capital's Zion Square on Friday drew a fair-sized crowd, considering that publicity for it was fairly low-key. Rozenman asked partici-



Demi Moore and Bruce Willis are preparing for a bash celebrating 10 years of wedded bliss. (U.P.P.A.)



absorb the fact of his own success. "That's part of his enduring charm." He also can't believe that he's married, Pe'er told new bride Roni Chen, advising her that it wasn't a good idea to remind him. Topaz predicted that the next bridegroom would be Shai Bazzak, spokesman for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "Find me a girl like Roni," Bazzak shot back, "and I'll get married in no time."

PRIOR to his own departure for the US to address the UN General Assembly in New York, Foreign Minister David Levy hosted a reception for outgoing US ambassador Martin Indyk, who presented him with a glass bird. Given Indyk's political orientation, the bird should have been a dove. Some Israelis present thought it looked more like a hawk. But according to US embassy personnel, it had to be a bald eagle, because that's what's depicted on the American seal.

"CONSIDERING that it's 40 years since our first meeting, you look wonderful," said former prime minister Shimon Peres,

pants to put politics and other differences behind them and focus on what unites them — the desire for peace and public safety. For the most part, the participants complied.

INTERVIEWED on Radio 2 after spending all night in a musical marathon together with regular pop singers, Hassidic rock singer Abraham Fried was told by Arye Golan that many consider him the haredi Michael Jackson. Replied Fried: "I don't know who he is."

WHEN she decided to throw a baby shower, *Melrose Place* star Heather Locklear also decided to break with tradition and invite some men. After all, she said, husband Richie Sambora had more than a little to do with the expected addition to their family — and there was no reason for him to be the sole male at the party.

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Dog day afternoon: Sue Kingston hugs her pet mongrel Poppy after the canine won the 'Scruffts Dog of the Year' award. (Reuters)

The scruff dreams are made of

Every dog has its day. And even those from dubious backgrounds were stars at the national "Scruffts" dog of the year finals in southern England.

In a spoof on the world-renowned Crufts dog show — where breeders parade their pedigree pooches — Scruffts presented even the strangest doggy mixtures with the chance to strut their stuff.

More than 60 magnificent mongrels from all corners of England and Wales traveled to Chobham in southeast England. These were the pick of the bunch — finalists from regional heats in which around 10,000 mutts competed.

For Britons, who adore their canine companions and love to back the underdog, this was pure heaven. The aim of the contest was to give mongrels the chance to step into the limelight. Usually snubbed at more traditional dog shows, these contestants were eager to prove they were just as good as those from pure blood lines.

"This is a celebration of the mongrel dog," said Wendy Wasels, public relations officer with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA), who have organized the increasingly popular contest for the last nine years.

"We want to show that they are loving family pets, and obedient and trainable just like other dogs," she said.

How can you judge something that is appealing because it's different from the norm? How do you

apply standards to something which by its very nature is an indeterminate mixture?

This was the difficult task facing the Scruffts judgement panel, comprised of dog writers, pet food representatives and the owner of last year's winner.

They couldn't rely on the particularly fine physique, superb handling or serene temperament that Crufts judges look for. Instead, adjudicating involved petting the animals and listening to devoted owners extolling the virtues of their dogs — whether huge hairy lumps or short spiky specimens.

"It's not a beauty show," said Wasels. "The emphasis is on personality and relationship with the owner. The judges are looking for a special bonding and a sparkle in the eye."

The 60 contestants were probably wondering what all the fuss was about. Surrounded by hundreds of human and canine spectators as well as photographers and reporters, not to mention the judges, so much attention for so few tricks was quite puzzling.

Unlike at Crufts, the dogs didn't really have to perform, save wagging their tails and gazing adoringly into their owners' eyes.

Last year's "Best in Show" at Crufts was a champion Yorkshire terrier who is registered with the Kennel Club as Ozmium Mystification, although his friends call him Justin.

But these Scruffts finalists weren't pampered pooches born

with a silver bone in their mouths. Many had a history.

Poppy from Devon, who pranced away with the title of Scruffts Dog of the Year, had been abandoned as a puppy and found her owner, Sue Kingston, through a local doggie helpline. A bubbly, bouncy dog, Poppy is described by residents in her village as the "blonde tart" because of her obsession with pedigrees of the opposite sex.

Nine-year old Wellington won second place in the competition, but he was just grateful to have taken part. His mother had been given an injection to destroy her pups, but Wellington, a burly crossbreed who may have had a bearded collie somewhere in his ancestry, defied the odds and survived.

Other dogs were rewarded for their service to the community.

Scruff, a small grey beast who resembled a steel wool pan scourer, was "highly commended" for his work at a Yorkshire school where his owner, Gillian Bellamy, teaches.

Often the subject in pet projects, Scruff encourages children to overcome their fear of dogs. He also warns them of the dangers of approaching animals they don't know.

Scruff, who as a youngster was picked up by police on a roadside, falls back on charity work in his spare time. He's just completed an 82-mile (131 km) walk to raise money for cystic fibrosis. (Reuters)

Women finally make it big on Israel's news

Sometimes revolutions can sneak up and take us by surprise. Just look at what has happened on our television screens, as we've been sitting down every evening to watch the nightly news.

Here in Israel, for good reason, we have always taken our news seriously, and we want it delivered to us by a serious person. For decades, the only television news source was the universally watched *Mabat* broadcast. As a rule, *Mabat* featured a middle-aged, deep-voiced man delivering the news.

He was the voice of the government, the voice of authority, a source we could trust.

Similarly, all the correspondents covering hard news stories were uniformly male.

Women weren't completely absent from newscasts, but the female correspondents tended either to report strictly on social issues or art trends, or they were simply decorative newsreaders with little field experience. Women, for example, were never seen grilling the prime minister about the peace process. Then, just under a decade ago, the first serious female broadcast journalist appeared on screen and put

tough questions to the nation's leaders. At the time, Ilana Dayan was considered an anomaly.

Four years ago the new commercial Channel 2 made its debut on the scene, and all the cards were reshuffled. The new television station's American-style man-woman anchor team was an instant ratings success. Co-anchor Miki Haimovich became a household name, and her regular replacement, Oshrat Kotler, did so well that she was chosen to head the prestigious weekend *Meet the Press* broadcast. The new station regularly featured female correspondents covering hard news, and Channel 2's showcase investigative program *Fact* was hosted by female broadcast pioneer Dayan.

At the same time, said Channel 1 began making similar changes. It embraced a new generation of young female talent, hiring an unknown named Ayala Hasson as police correspondent, naming another young woman as chief political correspondent, allowing an occasional woman journalist into the testosterone pit of the political talk show *Popolitica*, and, finally, grooming a promising young anchor in her early 20s, Geula Even, for the chair occupied by the ultimate father figure, veteran broadcaster Chaim Yavin.

eyes and flawless complexion surely haven't hurt her steady climb to the top.

But she couldn't possibly have landed the job without the cool intelligence and quick reflexes she has displayed on numerous live broadcasts.

Whether Even succeeds or fails, the fact that she has been given this chance is a huge step forward in the way women are viewed, and how they view themselves.

One hopes that a few decades from now, when she has as many wrinkles as Yavin, Even will still be as successful and professionally respected as he is today.

Clearly, there is still a long way to go. Women will only be able to declare victory when they are not only accepted as the voice of authority in reporting the news, but also when they make the news, as the source of authority.

While having a woman in the anchor's chair represents great progress, what will truly count is whether women end up occupying more seats in the Knesset.

Home Front



Allison Kaplan Sommer

Yavin suddenly announced this summer that he was climbing down from the anchor chair. Ever since, the rumor mills have been working overtime. Channel 1's management announced at the beginning that Even would play a key role on the show, but then endlessly debated what her precise role should be.

Speculation ran rampant: First it was rumored that the search was on for another Yavin-style weathered male to sit alongside Even; later everyone whispered that it was certain Channel 1 would ape Channel 2

and pair Even up with a young male.

But last week, to the shock of all the media gossips, Channel 1 announced that Even would fly solo, taking over for Yavin as lone anchor. Gilad Adin, the young man who was in the running to be her partner, will instead be her replacement.

Cynics say the decision was the result of back-biting politics within Channel 1, that older male journalists, bitter at being passed over, didn't want a young man to get the chance.

Frankly, as far as I am concerned, the reasons behind Even's appointment don't

really matter. The

important thing is that a woman is to fill this highly public, influential and authoritative post. Of course, the ratings battle played a part in the decision. Let's face it: Even's sparkling sapphire

When all is said and done, what is important is that a woman will fill this highly public, influential and authoritative post.

You can only change yourself

Dear Ruthie, I am an American man of European descent, married to an Israeli whose parents are from North Africa. We have been married for three years, and have a two-year-old daughter.

I love my wife very much but I have begun to feel a strain in our marriage, particularly now that our daughter is becoming a real "human being," and not just a baby carried from place to place.

I find myself getting annoyed by my wife's ideas about child-rearing, most of which come from her mother, whom I consider a bad influence on her.

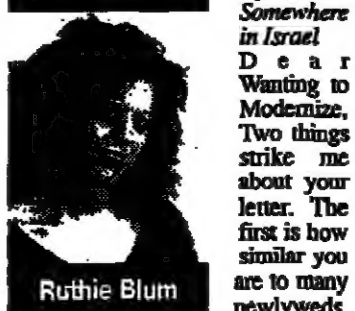
Don't get me wrong. My in-laws are very loving grandparents, so there is no complaint there. It's just that they have all kinds of ideas and superstitions that are foreign to me and seem to defy medical science and logic.

For example, my mother-in-law insists on putting garlic under our daughter's mattress. She also makes our daughter drink strong tea with tons of sugar in it, which she says has all the "vitamins" the child needs.

None of this would be such a problem (it might even be funny) if my wife would only learn from me instead of from her mother. When we first met she seemed to scorn all these superstitions; but now that

she's a mother herself, she is slowly shifting back culturally to her parents. I don't know what to do. The issue is generating a great deal of tension.

Wanting to Modernize my Mate Somewhere in Israel Dear Ruthie



Ruthie Blum

that you can "influence" or "educate" your spouse. The other is your belief that your wife was "different" when you married her.

Like newlyweds, you need to face the fact — difficult to accept as it is — that the only person you can really change is yourself.

You might start by seeing how you yourself are contributing to all this marital tension. Then you can employ different measures to alter the scenarios. Doing this will mean taking responsibility for choosing the spouse you did — not in spite of her quirks, but largely because of

them. Taking responsibility will also liberate you to "negotiate" with your wife over how you raise your child.

You need not fret too much over your mother-in-law's influence over her daughter. Trust me: Even if she were of European origin and never put any garlic under the mattress, she'd still be your mother-in-law, and there would still be things about her that bother you.

The real question is how much your wife "bothers" you. After all, she's the one you share a home with. If the only way you can see to reduce tension is by trying to bring about a metamorphosis in her, you have some serious thinking to do about marriage in general, and yours in particular.

This is not to say that your choices are either blind acceptance of everything your wife does, or leaving the marriage. It just means that you need to focus on the "technical" issues that have turned into bones of contention, and work them out as they come along. If you don't, each one will end up as an opportunity for you and your wife to view each other's culture and character as totally flawed.

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IN TUNE



Jimmie Rodgers played honest, rural music.

'The Blue Yodeler'

By DAVID BRINK

Good music is timeless, as this week's offerings show. Known as "The Singing Brakeman" and "The Blue Yodeler," Jimmie Rodgers is an American legend. By the time he died of tuberculosis at age 36 in 1933, he had left behind a legacy of songs that would pave the way for modern country music. His rural, honest music influenced artists ranging from Leadbelly and Woody Guthrie to Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley and Bob Dylan, who decided to put *The Songs of Jimmie Rodgers* together.

One of the first releases on Dylan's new Egyptian Records label, the album is an all-star homage to Rodgers with artists covering the spectrum of popular music. Where else could Bono, Alison Krauss, Dwight Yoakam and Van Morrison sound perfectly

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Rodgers' songs bring out the best in each artist. Allman Brothers veteran Dickey Betts cuts loose on the rollicking "Waiting for a Train." Willie Nelson sings high and sweet on "Peach Pickin' Time in Georgia," and Dylan himself hasn't sounded this relaxed in years on "My Blue Eyed Jane." Dylan succinctly sums up Rodgers' contributions in the liner notes: "Jimmie Rodgers is one of the guiding lights of the 20th century whose way with song has always been an inspiration to those of us who have followed the path."

May his yodel drift down for generations to come.

FAST forward 40 years or so and we come to another incredibly influential musical force, The Byrds. NMC has compiled a 27-song greatest-hits collection that covers all the aspects of this groundbreaking band.

The first half of the collection is a remastered version of the old vinyl *Greatest Hits* from Columbia that was released after the first four Byrds albums in the mid-'60s. Propelled by the harmony singing of

Roger McGuinn, David Crosby, Gene Clark and Chris Hillman, it contains all the old hits like "Mr. Tambourine Man," "Chimes of Freedom" and "Turn Turn Turn" that spawned later generations of jangly guitar bands.

For those who claim The Byrds wouldn't have existed without Bob Dylan songs to perform, there's "Eight Miles High" and "So You Want to Be a Rock 'n' Roll Star" to prove them wrong.

Once most of the original members had left, McGuinn kept right on flying by hooking up with Gram Parsons and creating *Sweetheart of the Rodeo*, which yielded the gorgeous country tunes included here. With a few more Dylan covers, including a truly lame attempt at "Lay Lady Lay," the CD ends with possibly the greatest McGuinn creation, the exquisite "Chestnut Mare."

The disc ably wraps up five years of sustained productivity by one of the great American rock bands whose music has endured.

HIGH gearing up into the 1970s and 1980s, *Come Again* is a fun-filled romp celebrating EMI's 100th year in the record business. Borrowing the concept originally devised by Elektra Records for their own 25th anniversary in the late 1980s, current young artists on EMI's roster were asked to choose songs by artists from the label's past and reinterpret them.

There are songs here you may never have wanted to hear again given sleek '90s treatments like Glen Campbell's "Rhinestone Cowboy" (White Town), Dr. Hook's "When You're in Love with a Beautiful Woman" (Cecil), "Ode to Billie Joe" (John Butler) and a wonderfully high-energy sendup of Gerry Rafferty's "Baker Street" (Foo Fighters).

Classic EMI artists are not spared either with David Bowie ("Starman" by Octopus and "Ziggy Stardust" by White Buffalo) and Pink Floyd ("Wish You Were Here" by Sparklehorse and "See Emily Play" by Wireless) honored with heartfelt tributes.

If the names of the current artists sound unfamiliar, it's because many of them are newly signed unknowns. But the magic of rock 'n' roll, beginning way back with Jimmie Rodgers and his dusty acoustic guitar, is that you never know if another 30 years down the road some new band may be covering one of these burgeoning bands.

CONCERT REVIEW

Rhapsody in black

By URY EPPSTEIN

In a retrospective program of works by Dov (alias Dobi) Seltzer, celebrating 50 years of composing in the light-classical music genre, the Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra, conducted by Yuval Zaliouk, presented the local premiere of Seltzer's *Hassidic Rhapsody* for violin and orchestra (1991).

Having gained popularity as a composer of songs, musicals, and film music, this is Seltzer's attempt at gaining entry into the field of symphonic, so-called

WORKS BY DOV SELTZER
The Ra'anana Symphonette
Orchestra
Yuval Zaliouk — conductor
Michael Guttman, Nitai Zori — violinists
Mike Burstyn — narrator
Ra'anana, September 17

"serious" music, by a stylized use of folkloric motifs.

Although he claims to treat Hassidic tunes as a basis for his symphonic work (like Bartok's use of folk material), he actually follows in the footsteps of the less sophisticated, more Romantically-inspired folklorists such as Enescu or, in Israeli terms, Boscovich and Lavry.

Seltzer admirably captures the

meditative, introverted spirit of the Hassidic *nigun* as well as the playful exuberance of klezmer music, embellishing it with colorful orchestration.

The Belgian solo violinist Michael Guttman displayed much sensitivity and virtuosity in expressing these qualities of the music.

In *Stempeniu* (1986), a dramatic legend for violin, narrator, and orchestra, Seltzer indulges in more overt nostalgia and less sublimation in his approach to the Hassidic idiom. The joy of the klezmer is more understated, and the profound sorrow of the individual is expressed by a virtually weeping violin, bordering at times on the sentimental.

Mike Burstyn's narration, overpowered by a superfluous amplifying system, did not leave much opportunity to enjoy the natural inflections of his voice. The amplifiers also drowned out the subtleties of solo violinist Nitai Zori's inspired performance.

The Kasabian Overture (1967), despite its Middle-Eastern folkloric flavor, was, in style and orchestration, reminiscent of '60s American musicals.

Above all, the fact that such a homage was paid to one of the country's best-liked popular composers by one of our most enterprising orchestras is perhaps even more meaningful than the musical merits of the works themselves.

Dinosaurs boost Spielberg

By CLAUDIA COATES

The public's willingness to pay to watch big toothy beasts chase puny humans continues to line Steven Spielberg's pockets.

The dinosaurs of *The Lost World* carried moviemaker Spielberg to the top spot on *Forbes* magazine's list of the 40 best-paid entertainers — and transported Michael Crichton, the book's author, to No. 4, the highest any writer has reached.

Spielberg earned \$313 million (NIS 1,095 million) in 1996-97 for directing and producing the movie and from related merchandise. Crichton's \$102m. (NIS 357m.) take was more than books alone could ever bring.

Right behind Spielberg on the *Forbes* list, released Monday, was another special-effects movie maven, George Lucas, who released his sci-fi trilogy, *Star Wars: The Return of the Jedi*, and *The Empire Strikes Back* this year and raked in \$241m.

Oprah Winfrey, last year's No. 1, finished a respectable third with \$201m. Last year, she needed only \$171m. to top the list.

"The rewards of stardom keep climbing into the stratosphere," the magazine said in its September 22 issue.

Winfrey and Spielberg had been trading first and second place since 1993 in the rankings that combine entertainers' two-year estimated gross earnings in an attempt to get a more accurate assessment of overall income.

Rounding out the top 10 were: The Beatles, ranked fifth even though they haven't recorded in more than 25 years.

Comedian Jerry Seinfeld, sixth, who made \$94m. Even his supporting actors receive \$600,000 an episode.

Magician David Copperfield, who moved up to seventh from eighth.

Horror writer Stephen King, eighth, who sold more than 160 million books.

Tom Cruise, ninth, the highest-earning dramatic actor this time, with \$82m. from *Jerry Maguire* and *Mission Impossible*.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, 10th. Of his \$74m. income, \$20m. came from playing Mr. Freeze in *Batman and Robin* and cashing in on merchandise tie-ins.

Some of the entertainers who fell off the Top 40 this year were Sandra Bullock, Tom Hanks,



On the back of 'The Lost World,' Steven Spielberg earned \$313m. in 1996-97.

David Letterman, Luciano Pavarotti and Denzel Washington. They helped make way for the first-timers, including comedian-toolman Tim Allen, No. 13, winner of a fat contract to stay with ABC television and *Home Improvement*; singer Celine Dion

(No. 15), who sold 30 million records in two years; and the movie directing-producing team of Ron Howard and Brian Grazer, responsible for *Apollo 13*, *Liar, Ransom*, and *Backdraft* ranked 24th as a team.

Other newcomers were pop

group The Spice Girls (No. 32); Michael Flatley (No. 25), the Irish-step-dancing star of the movie *Lord of the Dance*; and the writer-producers of TV's *Friends* — Kevin Bright, Marta Kauffman, and David Crane (No. 39).

A cast of millions

Forbes magazine's list ranked the highest-paid U.S. entertainers and their estimated gross income for 1996-1997.

The top 40 are:

1. Steven Spielberg, \$313 million.
2. George Lucas, \$241m.
3. Oprah Winfrey, \$201m.
4. Michael Crichton, \$102m.
5. The Beatles, \$98m.
6. Jerry Seinfeld, \$94m.
7. David Copperfield, \$85m.
8. Stephen King, \$84m.
9. Tom Cruise, \$82m.
10. Arnold Schwarzenegger, \$74m.
11. Harrison Ford, \$72m.
12. The Rolling Stones, \$68m.
13. Tim Allen, \$66m.
14. John Grisham, \$66m.
15. Celine Dion, \$65m.
16. David Bowie, \$63m.
17. John Travolta, \$61m.
18. Mel Gibson, \$59m.
19. Siegfried and Roy, \$58m.
20. Sting, \$57m.
21. Garth Brooks, \$55m.
22. Roseanne, \$55m.
23. Michael Jackson, \$55m.
24. Ron Howard and Brian Grazer, \$54m.
25. Michael Flatley, \$54m.
26. Jim Carrey, \$53m.
27. Tom Clancy, \$50m.
28. Robin Williams, \$50m.
29. Eddie Murphy, \$49m.
30. Kiss, \$48m.
31. Gloria Estefan, \$47m.
32. Spice Girls, \$47m.
33. Babyface, \$44m.
34. Roland Emmerich and Dean Devlin, \$43m.
35. Kevin Costner, \$42m.
36. R.L. Stine, \$41m.
37. Michael Douglas, \$41m.
38. U2, \$40m.
39. Kevin Bright, Marta Kauffman, David Crane, \$39m.
40. Bill Cosby, \$36m.

(AP)

Susanna Poretsky: East of Sweden

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

On an average day one could have met Susanna Poretsky at the supermarket in the Gilo neighborhood of Jerusalem. But such sightings have become quite rare. Nowadays, the mezzo-soprano, who was born in the Soviet Union and has lived in Gilo since she immigrated to Israel in 1991, seems to be spending more and more time abroad.

This Thursday Poretsky will be making what has become an all-too-rare appearance in her home town, singing the solo part in Mahler's Third Symphony with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, an orchestra she has worked with before both in



Singing Mahler "is an emotional experience" for Poretsky.

Israel and abroad.

A few weeks ago she had to cancel her concert in Beersheba because an offer came along which she simply could not refuse.

"I was asked to go to Stockholm and sing Adalgisa," in Bellini's

Norma, a role she adores. Upon her return Poretsky says, "It was a dream. I arrived 10 days before the premiere and during my first two days, I had very long music rehearsals. But then I was sent to rehearse on the stage. Everyone was full of praise. It is a role I love singing, in a style I really enjoy. And I even got rave reviews! We made great music, and I had a wonderful time."

Does the diva prefer putting on costumes and makeup to assume a character on the opera stage, or does a beautiful evening gown in the concert hall suit her better? "I love them both," she laughs. "It's funny, perhaps even strange, but I feel very close to both the operatic bel-canto style and the music of Mahler. Singing Mahler excites me. It is profound, philosophical music. It is an emotional experience for me."

Next month, Poretsky will return to New York, this time to perform with the Opera Orchestra of New York, as well as with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center in Washington and at Carnegie Hall. She will then return here to sing with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. After that, more concerts and opera productions in Israel and abroad.

"It is a wonderful season, full of new opportunities. It means a lot of responsibility and a lot of work."

After several years of struggling to find her way in the music world, Susanna Poretsky has struck the right balance between concert and operatic engagements at home and on the leading opera stages of the world. Local music lovers should follow her career closely and catch every one of her performances here. Because the way things are going, Poretsky will soon be singing abroad much more often than at home.

Local baroque ensemble in Greece

Israeli baroque ensemble Accademia Daniel performed Saturday night in Thessaloniki, Greece, a special program focusing on baroque music to Jewish liturgical texts. The program opened with Carlo Grossi's *Cantata ebraica for Hoshana Rabbah*, followed by four short works by Salamone de Rossi and Stoezel's *Psalm 130*. The major work on the program was the European premiere of Israeli composer Reuben Seroussi's *Ea Judios*, a chamber

cantata based on Sephardic songs, written especially for Accademia Daniel.

The Accademia Daniel, under music director Shalev Ad-El, were joined by singers Sheerli Hecht and Shira Schweizer (sopranos), Meirav Meshulam (alto), Yishai Shekter (tenor), and Dan Etinger (baritone), as well as Karen Phenipon (percussion). Composer Seroussi played the guitar in his own work.

Michael Ajzenstadt

Beavis and Butthead RIP

By JOSH OZERSKY

MTV has announced that it is pulling the plug on new episodes of *Beavis and Butthead*, its most famous creations, after four years as a night-in, night-out programming staple.

The Beavis and Butthead characters had a spectacularly successful run: They entered the national mind; they were a successful feature film; they spun off another show, MTV's grim *Daria*, and got their creator, Mike Judge, a prime-time sitcom, *King of the Hill* on Fox.

Distillates of MTV's demographic bloc, the pair ridiculed what had been MTV's bread and butter, music videos. In their wake, music videos became so drained of their cutting-edge mystique that MTV began to run game shows and documentaries more than videos — no small feat.

After all, when cultural historians think about the '80s in the years to come, the discussion will likely center on three phenomena: Ronald Reagan as the presiding spirit of the age, all image and no content; ditto Don Johnson and *Miami Vice*; the Reagan administration's zeitgeist-laden counterpart on prime-time; and MTV, the dead center of the glossy, new meaning-free culture.

MTV's videos had everyone decrying the tyranny of the image and the fractured attention span of our youth, and the death of context and narrative.

Beavis and Butthead restored context and narrative; and for this their passing deserves some respect.

Mike Judge, their creator, knew how teenagers watch MTV. They don't sit with rapt and attentive gaze, as alarmed parents and lobbyists suppose. Nor do they watch with any great excitement. For the most part, they are cynical and jaded, like anyone seeing something for the ten-thousandth time.

More importantly, *Beavis and Butthead* finally provided a way for people to talk critically about TV without sounding pompous or culturally alienated. The pair also showed up MTV for the pretentious dreck it is, and did it without trying to grab the high ground.

Some will say that *Beavis and Butthead* are symptoms of post-modern irony, mocking the meat they feed on and ignoring the

fact that they are themselves products and prisoners of TV. Please.

Beavis and Butthead are about as post-modern as Alexander Pope.

Their characters were painstakingly sketched and individuated,

like nailing jelly to the wall. What *Beavis and Butthead* did was provide a way to frame TV as something to talk about. They showed up something that had claimed to be so banal and conventional that even two brainless pubescents couldn't be surprised by it. They closed the circuit between TV and its audience.

None of that would have been possible if *Beavis and Butthead* were not funny and realistic, and interesting to watch. So in that, too, they point a direction out from television's malaise.

I, for one, will be sorry to see them go.

(Newsday)

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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Tonight (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum is your last chance to enjoy Chinese cellist Jian Wang playing Haydn's D major cello concerto with the Israel Camerata Jerusalem under the baton of music director Avner Biron. He also leads the orchestra in Mendelssohn's ninth symphony and Mozart's 41st symphony. At 7, at the same place, you can revel in Isaac Stern's discovery of the child Wang in the by-now famous English-language film *From Mao to Mozart: Isaac Stern in China*.

The younger section of the Ankor Children's Choir opens tonight (8) at the YMCA concert hall in Jerusalem, a special student concert featuring the forces of the Conservatory of the Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance. The conservatory orchestra plays selections by Beethoven and Rossini, the dance ensemble performs to music by Mozart, and there are various chamber-music selections as well as a presentation by the Conservatory-based Jerusalem Saxophone Ensemble. Admission free.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Yosef Bar-Yosef's play *Father of the Groom* is a parable. If director Micki Gurevitch had understood that, he could have shaped the characters as the allegories they are, and empty form could have taken on substance. What Bar-Yosef's play says is that we cling to the vision and ignore the reality. Itzhak Hiskiya is powerful in the title role and Shoshana Goren as the bride's mother is so creatively gormless that you long to shake her. On the Carmel Theater mainstage in Tel Aviv tonight at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English.)

MUSEUM

HELEN KAYE

The Diaspora Museum on the Tel Aviv University campus presents *Beth Hatefusah* by Night, a journey through our heritage with a bit of theater, a bit of music, and lots of soul. It's fun. Tonight from 8 to midnight. For tickets, call 03-646-2020/151. Do it fast because they disappear like hotcakes. (Hebrew and English)

Another happening is an English-language panel discussion under the auspices of the Jerusalem Literary Project, Words and Images. Tonight meet Czech Jewish author Ivan Klíma. Shimon Peres will be the guest of



The Tel Aviv Museum presents 'From Mao to Mozart: Isaac Stern in China,' which portrays Stern's discovery of a young cellist.

honor. In the museum auditorium at 8:30 p.m.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** DIFFERENT FOR GIRLS - This small, sweet comic drama is as notable for what it isn't as for what it is. In thoroughly unsensational terms, the BBC-produced film, directed with frankness and affection by Richard Spence, tells the story of two school friends who meet up again as adults: cute-pie Prentice (Rupert Graves) is now a tough, good-hearted motorcycle delivery boy, while Karl has undergone a sex-change operation and become Kim (Steven Mackintosh), a primly dressed blonde with a job writing hearts-and-flowers verse for a greeting-card company. While it's fairly clear from the outset where relations between the two are headed, Tony Marchant's script is remarkably attentive to psychological detail, and it never once takes the potential romance for granted. Both of the actors manage, as well, to convey with delicate conviction the complexity of the situation. In many ways, Kim's sex-change operation is the smallest obstacle to their getting together, and just one of the movie's concerns: the film also manages to ask where platonic love gives way to sexual attraction, and how much our sense of the past (or our past selves) affects who we are today. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)



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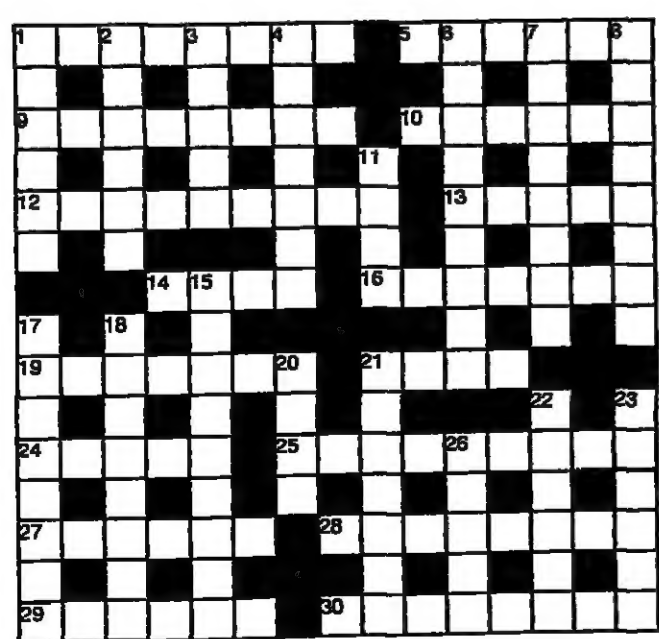
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- 1 Animals turning on another duck abruptly (8)
 - 5 Craftily settled? (6)
 - 9 Rush around a boy, showing thought (8)
 - 10 Stars may be made to be so (8)
 - 12 He's prepared to post a key item of kitchen equipment (9)
 - 13 The Spaniard when older has no need of one (5)
 - 14 To a certain degree in deep water (4)
 - 16 Love to talk about egghead's work (7)
 - 19 This entertainer is a drawer, note (7)
 - 21 A row involving some mastiffs (4)

- 24 Judge a line to be about right (5)
- 25 Work and prune to shape at the appropriate time (9)
- 27 Agreeably dressed? (6)
- 28 Arguments taking place in newly-formed sides (8)
- 29 Deny seeing directions by the entry (6)
- 30 The executor had means to dispose of (8)

DOWN

- 1 Call out second best (6)
- 2 Announcements about fighting for grants (6)
- 3 A spice many are very fond of (5)
- 4 Senator badly affected by treachery (7)
- 6 A supporter of literary work (9)

- 7 They feel a girl will turn in neat results (8)
- 8 The lawlessness of the underworld "family" (8)
- 11 A river in the far north of Russia (4)
- 15 Seamen or crooked characters taking all in (9)
- 17 Note given to workman building a parapet (8)
- 18 Industrial action that's quite out of the ordinary (8)
- 20 Black bone artefact (4)
- 21 Refuse for the winning team? (7)
- 22 What shopkeepers want is practical (6)
- 23 This enzyme for vitality's popular (6)
- 26 Sally gets around quietly but fast (5)

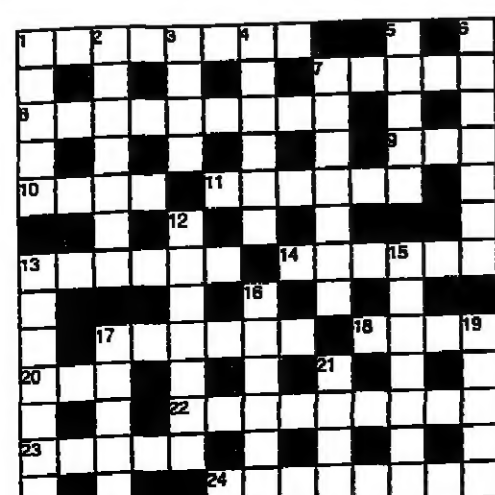


SOLUTIONS

YESTERDAY'S QUICK SOLUTION
ACROSS: 1 Amount, 8 Inside, 10 Attempt, 11 Upset, 12 Each, 13 Banal, 17 Stray, 18 Plan, 23 Trepid, 25 Expense, 24 Embrace, 25 Friend.
DOWN: 1 Cohort, 2 Contact, 3 Economy, 4 Anguish, 5 First, 6 Depth, 8 Strategize, 14 Stadium, 15 Blanket, 16 Unready, 19 Staff, 20 Spume, 21 Apart.

QUICK CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Equine equipment (8)
 - 7 Springs (5)
 - 8 Code of behaviour (9)
 - 9 Beer (3)
 - 10 Peel (4)
 - 11 Horn (6)
 - 13 Violin (6)
 - 14 Accuse (6)
 - 17 Tree-lined road (6)
 - 20 Slippery fish (3)
 - 22 Compact (6)
 - 23 Refuse (5)
 - 24 Indulgence (8)
- DOWN**
- 1 Cut (5)
 - 2 Condensed (7)
 - 3 Praise (4)
 - 4 Corrupt (6)
 - 5 Transparent (5)
 - 6 Calumniate (7)
 - 7 Affluent (7)
 - 12 Unlawful (7)
 - 13 Liberty (7)
 - 16 Rotten (6)
 - 17 On high (5)
 - 19 Memoranda (5)
 - 21 Lake (4)



TV

CHANNEL 1

8:30 News Flash
8:31 News in Arabic
8:45 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Group One
8:30 Art Workshop
9:00 Science and Nature
10:00 For the very young
11:00 English
12:00 French
12:30 Science and Technology
13:00 Geography
13:30 Cartoons
15:00 Auto

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Pink Panther
15:55 Super Ben
16:00 Dennis and Gasher
16:25 Super Ben
16:30 The Mask
16:50 A New Evening
17:30 Best of Zappy
18:05 Super Ben
18:15 News in English

19:40 Beverly Hills 90210
20:25 The Other Half
20:50 Deep Blue
21:05 The Drew Carey Show
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
23:00 The Streets of San Francisco
00:50 Barnaby Jones

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 The Connection
The Association: Road to Mandalay (1995) - a private detective passed in the Far East investigates the death of a crime lord's daughter
12:10 Seeing Stars
13:40 Perfect Love
Murder (1990) - a suburban housewife overhears her neighbor plotting to commit murder. With Teri Garr
15:10 New in the Cinema
15:20 A Day in October (1992) - a WWII love story between a Jewish girl and a Resistance fighter in Denmark
17:05 The Low Life (1995) - comedy about an artist on the make in LA
18:45 Children of the Dark (1994) - a poor family discovers their daughters suffer from a rare disease which makes sunlight dangerous
20:00 All the Winters That Have Been (1997) (rpt)
22:00 A Woman Scorned (1995) - a woman who gets her revenge on her late husband's business partner who cheated him and brought him to suicide
23:45 Conundrum (1995) - a police officer is suspected of murdering her partner's wife
1:20 Knight Moves (1995) (rpt)
1:45 Anansi's Blue (1995) - a policeman vacationing in Moscow is mistaken for an FBI agent (83 mins.)

MIDDLE EAST TV

6:00 TV Shop
13:30 Body Electric
14:00 Basic Training
14:30 The 700 Club
15:00 Larry King
16:00 Arthur
16:25 Madeline
16:45 Babar the Elephant
17:10 Beakman's World
17:30 Saved by the Bell
18:00 Showbiz
18:30 World News Tonight (Arabic)
19:00 The 700 Club
22:00 CNN
22:30 The 700 Club

ARABIC PROGRAMS

16:30 Aorop
16:50 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

16:30 News Flash
19:31 Garlic, Pepper and Olive Oil - part 2
Moroccan Chicken
Tajin and French Lamb Casserole
20:00 News
20:50 Lotto draw - live
20:55 Mine Show
Meni Per
21:00 The People's Century - 1939: Total War
22:00 Dream On
23:30 News
00:00 Daily Verse

CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's Programs
6:30 Cartoons
7:00 Breakfast Magazine
8:00 News
10:00 Pakt
11:00 Mission Impossible
12:00 Basic Arabic
12:30 End of the Road
The Mountain of Adventure - part 1
13:00 Riding High
13:30 Zombi
14:00 Degraasi Junior
14:30 Junior News
15:00 The Best of Israel
Video Clips
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 News magazine
17:30 Twenty Plus
18:00 Scavenger
comedy in an investigative documentary format
18:30 Cybill
19:00 Baywatch
20:00 The Young and the Restless
20:30 Candid Camera in New York
22:00 Dan Shilon
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22:10 Enemies, A Love Story (1989) - based on Isaac Bashevis Singer's story of a Holocaust survivor who is married to the Polish woman who saved his life but who has an affair with another survivor.
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FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

7:00 Good Evening
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
8:00 Dallas (rpt)
8:00 One Life to Live
8:45 The Young and the Restless
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Zingara (rpt)
11:30 Beverly Hills 90210
12:45 Due South
13:40 Frasier
14:00 Dallas (rpt)
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:40 Riptide Lake (rpt)
16:30 Zingara
17:15 One Life to Live
18:00 Good Evening
19:00 Local
Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless

CABLE

ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Cartoons
16:30 The Agreement
17:30 Panel discussion in Arabic
18:30 The Tenant
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Doctors Talk
20:00 News
20:45 Kavanagh, C.
22:00 Showcase
22:30 Telessef
23:00 Cinema 3

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Echo Point
16:00 News Writing
16:30 Directions
17:00 Okevod
17:30 The Mountain of Adventure - Arabic
18:00 Family Album
18:30 Blitz on Cartoons
19:00 Group One Medical
19:30 Mirror
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Octane
21:00 Montparnasse
21:30 Revisted
22:00 Growing Old in a New Age
23:00 Onedine Live

NBC SUPERCHANNEL

6:00 VIP
6:30 NBC News
7:00 MSNBS News
8:00 Today Show
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Grenades spill on chopper to Lebanon

OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Elihu has ordered an investigation into a near-disaster last month, when a case of grenades broke open on a CH-53 helicopter flying troops to the security zone. The grenades scattered on the floor as the helicopter landed, forcing it to remain in the area longer than permitted until the troops could collect them. Soldiers had to use flashlights to find the grenades, which increased their chances of being spotted by Hizbullah gunmen.

After the helicopter took off, a count of the grenades left doubt that all had been collected - but notification that loose grenades might still be aboard was received only after it had returned to Israel.

Sarid escapes haredi-bashing suit

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein has decided not to take action against Meretz Party leader Yossi Sarid for remarks against the haredi community.

Sarid said in June, during the crisis over closing Jerusalem's Bar-Ilan street on Shabbat, that "it is necessary to set up a special unit to fight the infitafda of the haredi community." He made the remarks in an Israel Radio interview.

In the wake of the interview, Shas MK David Azulai asked Rubinstein to investigate the possibility of pressing charges against Sarid for incitement and rebellion. Rubinstein said yesterday that while Sarid's remarks were brash, he did not call for individuals to try to take action, but appealed to the authorities.

Batshiva Tsaur

Schwartz re-enacts 'kidnapping' for police

Ya'acov Schwartz, the Bnei Brak man who admitted faking his own kidnapping, sparking a search that cost NIS 1 million, yesterday re-enacted for police everything he did from the moment he left the Ashkelon cemetery on September 10 until his bound body was found in a burning building in the town two days later.

Police investigators said Schwartz staged the kidnapping to focus the attention of visiting US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on terrorism.

Three win mutual understanding prize

The Avi Chai prize, for an Israeli who has contributed towards enhancing mutual understanding between Israelis of different backgrounds is this year to go to Ruth Calderon, Ben Shachar and Moti Bar-Or, the co-founders of Elul, a study center where men and women with different approaches to Jewish tradition study Jewish sources together.

The ceremony awarding the prizes is to take place in the Knesset on Sunday.

Haim Shapiro

Recommendations issued for driving examiners

Driving teachers who become examiners should undergo a cooling-off period to avoid a conflict of interests, according to a recommendation by a Transport Ministry committee set up to determine a code of ethics for the licensing office.

The committee also found that written exams in foreign languages have not been changed in years, and are thus available to those taking them. It also recommended that licensing office clerks should not be able to make changes in the computer data concerning drivers or cars.

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New Peres Peace Center to focus on economic projects

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Former prime minister and Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres yesterday announced the establishment of a private peace institute to focus on economic issues.

"We believe that peace is basically an economic exercise," Peres told a press conference at Beit Sokolov in Tel Aviv. "The minute a country moves from political monopoly to economic emphasis, then peace will begin to reign in the midst of the nation."

The Peres Peace Center is an apolitical organization dedicated to expanding and advancing peace in the region, focusing on economic, social, educational, and technological cooperation.

"Peace is crucial and we must not give in to the terrorists who are trying to eliminate it," Peres stated. "I would never let Hamas, [the Islamic] Jihad, or Hizbullah determine whether the peace process continues or not. The point is to overcome them, not put the fate of peace into their hands."

"The advantage [of the Peres Center] is its focus on business and economic projects which can promote peace through non-governmental bodies. After all, the main fruits of peace are in the economic arena," he said.

Former peace negotiator Uri Savir, who is to serve as the center's director, said it will aim at fostering concrete projects rather than abstract research. "We are believers in action and making the difference on the ground," said Savir.

The Peres Center will work with governments, non-governmental organizations, and private and public bodies such as the World Bank, the World Economic Forum (Davos), the Palestinian Institute for Regional Research, Harvard University, Tel Aviv University, the Ford Foundation, and the governments of France, Germany, Norway, and the Palestinian Authority.

Among the joint Israeli-Palestinian projects the center will promote are the industrial park at Cami, the Tri-Cities Peace Project for cooperation among Israeli, Palestinian, and European cities, and a regional project for the development of durum wheat.

Peres also said yesterday that he has no intention of forming a political movement, and that if he heads a peace movement, he will not turn it



Former prime minister Shimon Peres yesterday announces the establishment of the Peres Peace Center.

into a party and run for the Knesset.

He added that he is examining a proposal to head a peace movement and had not heard any objection from Labor Party leader Ehud Barak about it.

Commenting on the possibility of a national unity government, Peres said he was encouraged by Barak's change of attitude and readiness to consider it if asked to by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Peres denied any agreement with

Barak about receiving a senior portfolio in a unity government, saying, "This is not a personal issue. I hope the central personality in such a government would be the peace."

The Peres Center's international board of governors comprises distinguished statesmen, literary and educational authorities, and leading economic figures, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Dr. Javier Solana, Amos Oz, Romi Milo, Dr. Henry Kissinger, Lee Iacocca, Mikhail

Gorbachev, Felipe Gonzales, Prof. Umberto Eco, Jacques Delors, Lionel Jospin, Baron Eric de Rothschild, Simone Weil, Jimmy Carter, Warren Christopher, Andre Azulai, Charles Bronfman, F. W. de Klerk and Dr. Mustafa Khalil.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other cabinet ministers are to attend the Peres Center inauguration on October 20, as well as some 50 foreign members of the board of governors.

UIA to decide if agency should remain exclusive funnel to Israel

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - The United Israel Appeal, which funnels American Jewish donations to Israel, will meet tomorrow to determine if it wants to continue its "exclusive" relationship with the Jewish Agency.

Some American federations are formally seeking the option of financing alternative Israeli projects directly.

"The federations are beginning to see that there other [Israeli] organizations that are doing good work that they would like to support," said Steve Solender, head of New York's UIA-Federation.

In many ways, "exclusivity" is a fiction, because numerous federa-

tions already support some Israeli initiatives that bypass the Jewish Agency.

However, tomorrow's meeting is expected to be an indication of sentiment about the Jewish Agency, which has been undergoing a restructuring.

Solender, head of the dominant federation in the US, will recommend changing the exclusive arrangement, but said this is not a rejection of the agency.

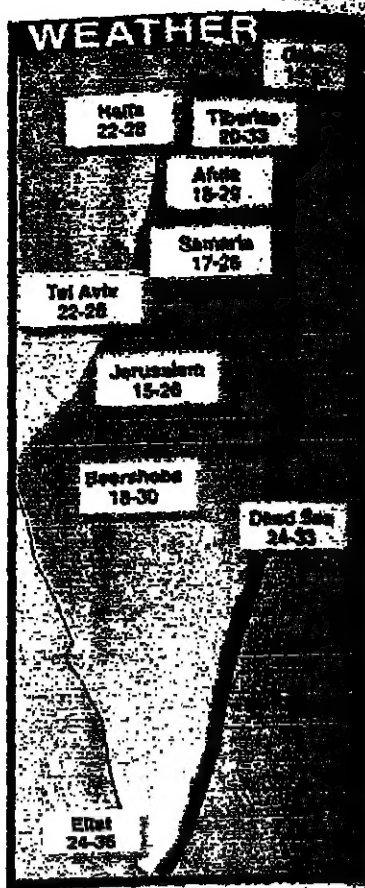
"The sense clearly is that the Jewish Agency would still be a primary recipient of funds," he said, but added, "The times are changing." The government is providing many services that were once provided by the Jewish Agency, while the number of

immigrants is expected to decline.

Under the current system, money raised for Israel and overseas needs by more than 170 Jewish federations is forwarded to UIA. That organization divides the funds between the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee. The federation system raises about \$750 million a year, of which more than \$200 million goes to the Jewish Agency.

"If we want to reconsider the Jewish Agency being the exclusive agent, the federations need to give notice by the end of the month," Solender said.

The deadline was set by the 1994 contract between the agency and UIA.



Forecast: Partly cloudy with a drop in temperatures

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Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawings, the winning cards were the jack of spades, queen of hearts, king of diamonds, and king of clubs, and the ace of spades, 9 of hearts, jack of diamonds, and 8 of clubs.

Park to honor athletes killed at Maccabiah

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo last night announced the establishment of a 300-dunam (75-acre) Athletes Memorial Park, in memory of Elizabeth Sawicki, Yetti Benet, Greg Small and Warren Zines - the Australian athletes who perished in the bridge collapse at the Maccabiah Games in July.

Milo was speaking in his capacity as chairman of the Yarkon River Authority, at the opening of a Yarkon River exhibit at the Council for a Beautiful Israel's Center for Environmental Studies.

The riverside park will be a joint venture of the authority, the Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan municipalities, the Maccabi World Union, and the Porter Foundation. It is one of several projects that are part of an ambitious plan to rehabilitate the Yarkon.

Australian Ambassador Ian Wilcock said that if the Yarkon River became swimmable once again, it would be a fitting memorial to the Australian athletes who lost their lives in the July 14 disaster.

Three of the four, he said, died because of the pollution in the river.

As for the others who fell into the water and survived, many of their complications resulted from toxins in the river, he added.

Declaring that the Yarkon cannot be a death trap but must add to the country's quality of life, CBI international president Aure Herzog called for a Yarkon River watch, and urged for the establishment of a strong lobby against pollution.

Dame Shirley Porter, whose family is contributing large sums of money to CBI and Yarkon Authority projects, including a nautical studies center in memory of her grandson, Daniel Amichai - stated that Israel "has a moral imperative to clean up this river."

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